

# Occupational Therapy Fellowship 2026-27



**JFK Partners**, Colorado's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (UCEDD) and Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Program is offering a full-time, 12-month Occupational Therapy Fellowship to begin July 1, 2026.

The purpose of the LEND program is to improve the health and well-being of individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities by preparing an interdisciplinary cadre of professionals to take leadership roles in providing services, improving systems of care, and building inclusive communities for these individuals and their families.

## Eligibility:

- Applicants must have completed a master's or doctoral degree in Occupational Therapy.
- It is preferred that the applicant have a NBCOT registered OT license in Colorado at the time of the fellowship start date; however, this is not required. A passing score on the NBCOT is required within two months of start date
- Candidates must be licensed or eligible to become licensed in the state of Colorado.
- Candidates who have a strong interest in autism and other developmental disabilities and/or early intervention are encouraged to apply.
- Candidates must have a state-issued driver's license, car insurance and reliable car transportation to complete clinical early intervention duties.
- A student/trainee/fellow receiving support from grant funds must be a citizen of the United States or a foreign national having in his/her possession a visa permitting permanent residence in the United States, or a non-citizen national.

**Program Description:** The Occupational Therapy trainee typically completes 20% of their time in coursework and 80% in specialized clinical training (assessment, treatment, consultation) for a wide range of persons with developmental disabilities with an emphasis on working with individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. These clinical duties are conducted in a hospital outpatient clinical setting (Developmental Pediatrics at Children's Hospital Colorado) and in early intervention (ENRICH Early Intervention Team in homes and other community settings). The trainee also attends courses offered by JFK Partners and is expected to complete a scholarly project in developmental disabilities.

## Fellowship experiences include:

- Weekly mentorship
- Leadership Dialogues 1 Course (daily Aug 4-8 and Aug 11-5, 2027 from 1:00-4:00 pm) (In-person)
- Key Concepts in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Course on Tuesdays 8:15-10:15 AM (Sept-Apr). (In-person)
- Leadership Dialogues 2: Policy & Advocacy (Jan-Apr – 5 sessions and a day at the Colorado Capitol at IDD Awareness Day)
- Screening/Assessment Course on Tues 1:10-3:30 PM (Fall)
- Intervention Course – Tues 1:10-3:30 PM (Spring)
- Attendance at the Annual JFK Partners Autism Conference (Oct)

**Support:** A stipend of **\$4,583/mo** for this full-time, master's level position **plus** health care benefits is available. Mileage for early intervention services is reimbursed.

This position and funding are contingent upon JFK Partners receiving grant funding. This position is funded by a grant from the Administration for Community Living, University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), Award # 90DDUC0106-01-00, July 1, 2022-June 30, 2027.

**Application:** Our application requires the submission of the following documents:

1. Cover Letter/Statement of Interest - Please include answers to the following questions:
  - Describe why training at JFK Partners interests you.
  - Have you had any experience with Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) training? If so, which program?
  - Describe past experiences related to working with individuals with autism or other developmental disabilities (ASD/DD) and your interest in working with this population.
  - Describe why early intervention interests you.
  - How does advanced training in neurodevelopmental disabilities fit with your future professional plans?
2. Resume or Curriculum Vita (CV)
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty or supervisors familiar with your interests and work relevant to this training

The deadline for receipt of materials is **April 1, 2026**. Please send materials to: Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, at [Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu).