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 10-month Public Health Traineeship to begin August, 2021.

The purpose of the LEND program is to improve the health of individuals who have or are at risk for developing autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities by providing graduate-level training in maternal and child health interdisciplinary leadership education in neurodevelopmental and related disabilities.

Eligibility:
- Applicants must have received graduate degree (Master’s) in Public Health, or be in a Public Health graduate program.
- Must be available to take coursework on Tuesdays (Sept-May) and attend a Leadership Course (daily Aug 2-6 and 9-13, 2021 from 2:00-5:00 pm).
- Only candidates with US citizenship may be considered.

JFK Partners is committed to the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty, staff and trainees to enrich the training environment and better prepare professionals and advocates to promote health equity, wellness, and reduced disparities. We have had challenges recruiting trainees that match the racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity of Colorado. It is a priority to JFK Partners to increase representation of the workforce so it reflects the community we serve. Bilingual Spanish-speaking applicants, in addition to those with racial, ethnic and cultural diversity are encouraged to apply.

Program Description: Public Health LEND trainees receive a balance of academic, clinical, and/or community opportunities that include opportunities to learn about serving individuals with disabilities and their families in a family-centered, culturally competent manner.

Support: A stipend for this graduate level, part-time (12-hours/week) position is available for those completing the program in 300 hours or more. Courses completed during the training are eligible to be considered as electives for the MPH in Maternal and Child Health. Tuition for course credit is not provided above the stipend amount.

This position and funding are contingent upon JFK Partners receiving grant funding. JFK Partners is applying for a competing renewal in 2021, so letters of offer cannot be made until the award is received.
**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 a traineeship at JFK Partners interests you.
   - Have you had any experience with Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) training?
   - Describe past experiences related to working with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other developmental disabilities.
   - How does advanced training in developmental disabilities fit with your future professional plans?

2. **Graduate school transcripts (unofficial)**

3. **Resume**

4. **Three (3) letters of recommendation from faculty or supervisors familiar with your interests and work relevant to this traineeship.**

The deadline for receipt of materials is **Apr 1, 2021**. Please send materials to: Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, JFK Partners, at Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu.

Please contact Kristina Hightshoe, MSPH, Public Health Discipline Director or Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, with any questions.

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