



Public Health Traineeship in Developmental Disabilities 2022-23

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 1, 2022.**

The purpose of the LEND program is to improve the health and well-being of individuals with autism spectrum disorder 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 received a graduate degree (Master's) in Public Health or be in the second year of a Public Health Master's program.
- Must be available to take coursework on Tuesdays (Sept-May) and attend the Leadership Course (daily Aug 1-5 and 8-12, 2022 from 2:00-5:00 pm). (In-person and online)
- Only candidates with U.S. citizenship may be considered, based on funding agency requirement

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, social equality, and reduced disparities. While we have had challenges recruiting trainees that match Colorado's racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity, it is a priority for JFK Partners to increase workforce representation to reflect the community we serve. Bilingual Spanish-speaking applicants, in addition to those with historically underrepresented racial, ethnic, and cultural identities are encouraged to apply.

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

Support: A stipend of \$646/month for 10 months for this graduate level, part-time (12-15 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. Trainees who wish to receive credit need to apply to be a Non-Degree Seeking Graduate Student with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, register, and pay for the courses.

This position and funding are contingent upon JFK Partners receiving grant funding. This position is funded by a grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Award #2 T73MC11044-14-00, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2026.

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? If so, what program?
 - Describe past experiences related to working with individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities (ASD/DD). Are you a family member of an individual with ASD/DD? (Disclose to your comfort.)
 - Describe any coursework and/or professional or volunteer experiences with policy or advocacy.
 - How does advanced training in developmental disabilities fit with your future professional plans?
2. Graduate school transcripts (unofficial)
3. Resume or Curriculum Vita (CV)
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, 2022**. 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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