



JFK Partners

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Speech-Language Pathology 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 Speech-Language Pathology Fellowship to begin July 1, 2027.

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.

Speech-Language Pathology Fellows will:

- acquire an understanding of the roles of various disciplines that serve individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
- understand the perspectives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
- explore community resources
- learn about disability legislation and systems
- complete and share a scholarly project related to their career goals

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be pursuing a Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC-SLP) in Speech-Language Pathology.
- Candidates who have already achieved their CCC-SLP are not qualified to apply.
- Applicants must have received the required graduate degree.
- Candidates who have a strong interest in autism and other developmental disabilities and/or early intervention are encouraged to apply.
- Candidates must also have a state-issued driver's license, car insurance, and reliable car transportation to complete some 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.

All courses and clinical/community observations will be in-person to gain the most from the interdisciplinary cohort, however it may be required to complete certain classes or observations online. For this reason, applicants need to have access to a computer and a reliable internet connection. Please notify us in your application if this is a barrier to your participation.

Program Description: The Speech-Language Pathology trainee 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 11-15, 2026 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-Mar – 5 sessions and a day at the Colorado Capitol at IDD Awareness Day in March)
- 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 approximately **\$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 (Autism/DD) and your interest in working with this population.
 - Are you a family member of an individual with Autism/DD? (Disclose to your comfort.)
 - How does advanced training in neurodevelopmental disabilities fit with your future professional plans?
2. Resume or CV
3. Unofficial transcripts
4. 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, JFK Partners, at Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu.

Please contact Renee Charlifue-Smith, MA-CCC-SLP, SLP Discipline Director or Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, with any questions.
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