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 Spiritual Care Fellowship to begin August 1, 2021.

The training emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to assessment, intervention, research, family support, service coordination, and community integration to meet the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. Goals of the program include development of disciplinary and interdisciplinary expertise, as well as skills in the areas of consultation, leadership, and research.

This fellowship will expose trainees to in-depth graduate-level experiences in leadership, advocacy, and knowledge of disabilities, and will connect the trainee with the AUCD network and other Spiritual Care leaders across the country. This training prepares individuals to work with individuals with disabilities in their own ministry, vocation or faith communities. The trainee attends courses offered by JFK Partners and is expected to pursue a research project or scholarly activity in developmental disabilities.

Eligibility: Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or may be pursuing a degree related to ministry, theology, spiritual care or comparable degree (e.g., MDiv, DMin, PhD in Theology, MASJE, MAPSC, MTS, etc). Applicants may also be a leader or pursuing leadership in a faith community and also interested in disability. Applicants can be from any faith tradition, denomination or spiritual perspective, including all non-Christian faiths and must be comfortable working across religious groups. Only candidates with US citizenship can be considered.

JFK Partners is committed to the recruitment of culturally diverse individuals. Bilingual Spanish-speaking applicants and all other qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.

Trainees typically work on-site (Anschutz Medical Campus) for approximately 12 hours per week. Projects may include community advocacy, family supports, working with faith groups/parishes to be more inclusive of those with disabilities, direct spiritual care/chaplaincy, or other work that enacts systems change to improve the lives and well-being of all stakeholders from the disability community.

Courses:
- **CLSC 6661 – Leadership Dialogues (2 credits)** – Must be available for this 2-week intensive course in July/August 2021 from 2:00-5:00 pm daily at the Anschutz Medical Campus
- **CLSC 6653 and 6654 – Key Concepts in Developmental Disabilities (2 credits each)** – Must be available Sept 2021-April 2022, Tuesdays from 8:15-10:15 am at the Anschutz Medical Campus

Program Description: The Spiritual Care Fellowship typically includes the following: training in developmental disabilities with an emphasis on Autism Spectrum Disorder, research, and didactics (seminars, workshops, observations in various settings).
Support: Compensation for this position is $6,000 over 10 months with no health care benefits available. Note: This fellowship position and funding are contingent upon JFK Partners receiving grant funding.

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

1. Cover Letter/Statement of Interest - Please include answers to the following questions (no more than one page):
   - Describe why a fellowship at JFK Partners interests you.
   - Have you had any experience elsewhere with Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) training?
   - Describe past experiences related to working with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders or other disabilities.
   - How does advanced training in disabilities fit with your future professional plans?

2. Resume/CV

The deadline for receipt of materials is February 15, 2021. Please send materials to Christine Cook at Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu. You may also mail your application to Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, JFK Partners, 13121 East 17th Avenue, C234, Aurora, Colorado 80045.

Please contact Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, JFK Partners with any questions.
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