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 12-month, part-time Diversity Fellowship to begin July 1, 2016. This program prepares fellows from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to create systems change on behalf of persons from diverse backgrounds who have intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Diversity Fellows will select one of two training tracks consistent with previous preparation and individual goals: a) Health Professional Diversity Fellowship or b) Advocacy (self- and/or family-advocacy) Diversity Fellowship. JFK Partners is committed to the recruitment of culturally and ethnically diverse individuals. Bilingual Spanish-speaking applicants, and other qualified applicants, are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria: 1) be of underrepresented racial and ethnic backgrounds; 2) have limited English proficiency; 3) be from underserved rural or urban areas; 4) have a disability; or, 5) identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender. Health Professional applicants also must meet the educational requirements for their discipline as used throughout the UCEDD. Advocacy track applicants must either be a self-advocate or family (parent/guardian, sibling, or spouse/partner) of a person with a disability. For family advocates, some post-college education is preferred. For persons with a developmental disability, some college experience is preferred. Applicants must be available to take daytime seminars on Tuesdays and have regular availability for other meetings or assignments at the Anschutz Medical Campus and in the community. Only candidates with US citizenship can be considered.

Program Description: This 12-hour per week fellowship includes attendance of seminars offered at JFK Partners, community experiences, and completion of a capstone project focused on systems change in community-based activities, organizations, policy or programs. The capstone project is to address challenging issues experienced by people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Support: Compensation for this 12-month, part-time (12-hours/week) position varies based on track of study. Health Professional candidates who are concurrently UCEDD/LEND fellows are JFK Partners will be compensated based on their discipline and level of training. Advocacy trainee candidates will be compensated $6,876 over 12 months. Health benefits are not available for part-time positions. Funding for this position is 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:
   - Describe why a Diversity Fellowship at JFK Partners interests you and which track you are interested in pursuing. (Health Professional or Advocacy).
   - Describe any past experiences related to creating systems change on behalf of persons from diverse backgrounds who have intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.
   - How does this advanced training fit with your future professional plans?

2. Resume or CV

3. Three (3) letters of recommendation from references familiar with your interests and work relevant to this fellowship.

The application deadline is May 1, 2017. Please send materials to: Dina Johnson, Associate Training Director, JFK Partners, 13121 East 17th Avenue, C234, Aurora, Colorado 80045. You can also email your application materials to Dina.Johnson@ucdenver.edu, but we ask that you send them all at one time.

Please contact Dina Johnson, MA, Associate Training Director, JFK Partners with any questions.