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 Spiritual Care Fellowship to begin July 1, 2017.

The training emphasizes the development of future leaders to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families through an interdisciplinary curriculum. The trainee will participate in a 3-course sequence (see below), as well as work with faculty to develop and complete a self-directed project. This experience will expose trainees to in-depth graduate-level experiences in leadership, advocacy, knowledge of disabilities, which includes connection with the AUCD network and other Spiritual Care trainees across the country. This training will prepare trainees to work with individuals with disabilities in their own ministry and/or vocation.

Trainee will typically work on-site (Anschutz Medical Campus) for approximately 12 hours per week, and in accordance with the internship policies specified by their home institution. The trainee may be able to transfer course credit from the JFK Partners curriculum to their home institution. 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. Projects may include activities relevant to Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) pending applicant’s successful admission to an accredited CPE program. (Past Fellows have worked successfully with Centered Life, for example).

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

Courses:

- **CLSC 6661 – Leadership Dialogues (2 credits)** – Must be available July 31-Aug 4, 2017 and Aug 7-11, 2017 from 2:00-5:00 pm daily for this in-person course held at the Anschutz Medical Campus
- **CLSC 6653 and 6654 – Key Concepts in Developmental Disabilities (2 credits each)** – Must be available Sept 2017-April 2018, Tuesdays from 8:15-10:15 am at the Anschutz Medical Campus
**Eligibility:** Applicants must have or 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 can be from any faith tradition, denomination or spiritual perspective, including all non-Christian faiths. Applicants must be comfortable working across religious groups. Only candidates with US citizenship can be considered.

**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 12 months with no health care benefits available. Tuition assistance may be available. Note: 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 (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 **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](mailto:Dina.Johnson@ucdenver.edu).

Please contact Eric Moody, PhD, Spiritual Care Discipline Director or Dina Johnson, MA, Associate Training Director, JFK Partners with any questions.

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