

## DD Training for Clinicians Proposal

The proposed initiative would consist of three areas: development of curriculum for use with Nurse Practitioner (NP) and Physician Assistant (PA) school students, development of curriculum for use as online Continuing Medical Education (CME) units for physicians, and the expansion of Operation House Call to Shreveport.

A 2-year contract is proposed with the Human Development Center as they already team with Dr. Sue Berry to administer the training to pediatric residents in New Orleans. Dr. Lauren Giovingo, Psychologist, Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Training at HDC would serve as Project Manager for the initiative. The curricula for both the NP and PA schools and physician CME would be derived from the current curriculum used by Sue in the resident program.

The NP/PA curriculum would reach a broad swath of future clinicians at an early stage of their education. This would include direct exposure to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The CME online modules would target physicians who are already in practice and will include video content of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

- Sue would assist the program as the subject matter expert (SME) lending credibility and access to medical schools and ensure appropriate content of the new curricula. With Sue's intro, Lauren would work closely with schools' administration toward agreement to add the DD curriculum when it is completed and approved.
- Lauren would modify Sue's pediatric resident curriculum:
  - For use with NP and PA students.
  - For web-based CME credits for practicing physicians.
- Lauren would help facilitate the expansion of Operation House Call at the LSU-HSC Medical School in Shreveport.

### Budget of \$91,100

- Funds would pay for the portion of Lauren's and other HDC staff time for this initiative: 20 hours/week and expenses for travel, supplies, etc.
- Funds would also probably be needed for the NP/PA schools, but amount is TBD.
- Funds for producing the online training and videos.
- Sue is donating her time to the project.