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Valentina completed her Clinical Fellowship year at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where she specialized in inpatient acute care and treated patients with medically complex conditions including neurological disorders, traumas such as Traumatic Brain Injuries, genetic disorders, and neurodevelopmental disorders. While completing her fellowship, Valentina also completed the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Program (LEND). This program provided additional training regarding developmental disabilities, public policies, interdisciplinary services, research, and leadership development. Through LEND, Valentina partnered with the Homeless Health Initiative and provided education to families and staff in shelters regarding feeding development.