

Position Announcement
Researcher

General Summary

Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago is seeking an individual to assist with managing an evaluation of the Fussy Baby Network, a 4-year study of an enhancement to selected Healthy Families Illinois home visiting programs as a child abuse prevention strategy. Using an infant mental health approach, the FBN intervention seeks to increase parent's competence and confidence in meeting their baby's needs by helping them regulate their feelings of distress by helping promote a more positive view of their infant, new ways to understand and help their baby, and feeling that the situation is more manageable and they can help. The larger outcome is decreased risk for abuse and increased infant/family well-being. Home visitors and their supervisors at selected sites will be trained and supported in using the core processes when working with families who present with concerns related to crying/sleeping/feeding/temperament for their infants under the age of 12 months.

The Researcher who fills the half-time position will manage the implementation of the study, including overseeing, and at times performing, data collection and management, including the development of data collection instruments; data cleaning and analysis; and writing study results. This individual will supervise research assistants and contribute to the development of study design, data collection materials, and the Institutional Review Board application.

Chapin Hall is an independent policy research center whose mission is to build knowledge that improves policies and programs for children and youth, families, and their communities. For more information about Chapin Hall, please see our website at www.chapinhall.org.

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Qualifications

Education

Advanced degree in early childhood development, social work or other relevant field required.

Doctoral degree in early childhood development, social work or other relevant field preferred.

Experience

A minimum of two years related research experience required, including experience managing research projects and staff, required.

A minimum of five years related research experience strongly preferred.
Experience using both qualitative and quantitative research methods preferred.
Background in child development or early education preferred.
Experience using analytic software such as SPSS, SAS, STATA, and/or Atlas.ti. preferred.
Experience engaging a diverse group of community, agency and foundation stakeholders preferred.

Competencies

Analytic thinking skills required.
Ability to translate and convey complex concepts and study findings in oral and written communications required.
Problem-solving skills required.
Ability to manage multiple, concurrent tasks required.
Strong interpersonal skills, with the ability to effectively manage key stakeholder relationships required.
The ability to collaborate with others in research design and implementation required.
Ability to work independently with a high degree of initiative required.
Demonstrated judgment and discretion in the handling of sensitive information required.
Ability to travel locally and throughout Illinois required.

A cover letter, resume, writing sample and reference contact information are required to be considered for this position.

If you are interested in **more information** about this position, please contact Abbie Castiglione, Human Resources Generalist, acastiglione@chapinhall.org

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