

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Dissemination & Implementation
Child Health and Development Institute
Full Time with Benefits

Summary

The Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI) is accepting applications for a one year **Postdoctoral Fellowship in Dissemination and Implementation**. The Fellow will spend one day per week working with faculty at the UCONN Health Center on disseminating evidence-based interventions for youth in schools and in the community, pending available funding. The anticipated start date of the Fellowship is July 1, 2015 (negotiable). The fellow recruited for the position will have a strong interest in (1) effective dissemination of evidence-based practices (EBPs) for children in public settings, (2) effective consultation to community-based agencies for implementing and sustaining EBPs, (3) applying implementation science to improve the practice of dissemination and implementation, and (4) contributing to the field of implementation science through publications and/or presentations. An optional second year is possible depending on Fellow interests, funding, and CHDI staffing needs.

Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut (CHDI)

CHDI is an independent, non-profit subsidiary of the Children's Fund of Connecticut, which was established in 1992 and is located in Farmington, CT. Working in partnership with state and regional agencies, hospitals, universities, and other organizations, we combine direct funding with grants and contracts for research, evaluation, policy analysis, consultation, training, and technical assistance. The mission of the Institute is to improve the quality of care for all children, emphasizing family-centered, comprehensive care that encompasses both physical and behavioral health. Collaborating with the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, the University of Connecticut, and Yale University, we strive to advance sustainable improvements in primary and preventive health and mental health care practices and policy for all the state's children, with a particular focus on disadvantaged or underserved children and families.

CHDI also functions as an intermediary organization to develop, train, disseminate, evaluate, and expand effective models of practice in children's mental health, juvenile justice, education, and other systems. CHDI partners closely with individuals from the Department of Children and Families, the CT Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division, The University of Connecticut-Department of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine, and FAVOR, a statewide family advocacy organization.

Fellowship

CHDI is currently participating in several EBP dissemination efforts for children's mental health across Connecticut, including Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), the Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI), Modular Approach to Therapy for Children with Anxiety, Depression, Trauma, or Conduct Problems (MATCH-ADTC), and Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS). The Fellow will work on one or more of these or related initiatives at CHDI. CHDI uses the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Breakthrough Series Collaborative (or Learning Collaborative) methodology to disseminate many EBPs.

The Fellow's specific projects and responsibilities will be jointly determined based on interests, experience, project needs, and funding. Examples of activities include use of the learning collaborative methodology, developing and/or testing other EBP implementation and/or consultation strategies, quality improvement approaches, training, policy, and evaluation. Many opportunities exist for co-authorship on

publications and presentations using archived or prospective data, and are highly encouraged. Fellows will receive weekly supervision from a licensed clinical psychologist at CHDI.

Applicants

The individual selected for this position will work within grant- and contract-funded projects at CHDI and the UCHC Health Center, primarily projects related to implementation of evidence-based behavioral health treatments for children exposed to traumatic events such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, and violence.

Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. in Clinical or Community Psychology or a related discipline from an accredited academic program. Strong professional writing skills are required. Experience with children's mental health, EBPs, statistical analysis, and/or dissemination and implementation is desirable. CHDI provides a unique opportunity to receive training in the practice of dissemination and implementation and to contribute to meaningful systems change through application of implementation science in community-based settings.

Compensation

The Fellow will receive a stipend of \$46,000 annually. A generous benefit package including health and dental care and paid time off is provided.

Applications

To apply, please email (1) a detailed letter of interest describing qualifications and experience; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) one example of scholarly writing (preferably a published article); and (4) three letters of recommendation, at least two of which are from supervisors, to Jason Lang (jalang@uchc.edu). Applications are encouraged by February 23, 2015 but will be considered on a rolling basis. The Fellowship is contingent upon continued funding.

The Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut is committed to providing equal access to our employment environment and ensures that all employment-related decisions are in accord with the principles of equal opportunity.