Paid work opportunity: **Student Research Assistant**

*10-19 hours per week; $18/hour*

*Spring 2024 - Spring/Summer 2025*

The **Center for Children, Families and Workforce Development (Center)** works to improve the mental, physical and emotional health of Montanans through our three priority areas: workforce development and training; research and evaluation; and capacity building and technical assistance. With more than 35 diverse staff, we partner with agencies, non-profits, community partners, professionals, scholars, parents, and youth on transformative, system-changing projects that increase practice effectiveness. The team's statewide presence, entrepreneurial spirit, and technological abilities provide new opportunities to address the needs of high-risk children and families throughout Montana.

**Job Description**: The Research Assistant (RA) will assist the Center’s epidemiologists and researchers/evaluators on various community-level and statewide projects. A RA contributes in many ways to the Center’s team with typical responsibilities that include the following:

* Conduct literature reviews.
* Collect qualitative and quantitative data.
* Prepare research briefs, reports and presentations.
* Prepare materials for UM’s Institutional Review Board (IRB).
* Assist in the preparation of interview and focus group questions for evaluations.
* Assist in the design of online database/data collection platforms.
* Assist with survey development.
* Attend project and regular supervision meetings.

**Current Projects:**

The following are some possibilities the RA can work on and contribute to:

* Montana Housing Project (funder: Montana Department of Commerce)
  + Federal ARPA funding has provided “gap financing” to Montana in order to build housing projects for homeless/houseless Montanans. The RA will assist the epidemiologist in collecting data on social determinants of health (SDOH) to determine the impact this project has on improving the outcomes of disproportionately impacted populations in Montana.
* Community Health Worker Training Program (funder: US DHHS HRSA)
  + The RA will assist the epidemiologist in the evaluation of this statewide program focused on training and upskilling Community Health Workers. Specifically, the RA will assist in collecting data on multiple population and individual federal performance measures for yearly reporting.
* St. Peter’s Health Impact Study (funder: St. Peter’s Health System)
  + The RA will assist the epidemiologist with the (1) Housing is Healthcare project; (2) Mobile Crisis Response Team project; and (3) Community Paramedicine project.
    - Each study has multiple data collection points that involve St. Peter’s Health System, including their Emergency Department and community data systems (e.g., law enforcement; justice).
* Native Youth POWER project (funder: US DHHS HRSA)
  + Focused on reducing unplanned or unwanted teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention in AI youth, the RA will assist the project evaluator in the collection and analysis of quantitative data gathered from the Rocky Boy and All Nations Health Centers.
  + Survey data will be collected on community members involved in local, tribal Community Advisory Boards and Youth Advisory Boards.
  + This project partners with Johns Hopkins University.
* Child Care Innovation & Infrastructure Evaluation (funder: MT DPHHS)
  + The RA will assist the epidemiologist with data collection and analysis on the child care workforce in Montana.

**Preferred Skills**:

* Focus and interest in research and/or evaluation of community-level prevention and/or intervention programs.
* Experience collecting and analyzing quantitative and qualitative data.
* Detail-oriented including the ability to accurately document project activities at multiple sites over time.
* Excellent communication, writing and time management skills.
* Strong working knowledge of or experience interfacing with a variety of computer software programs (e.g., Word; PowerPoint; Excel; REDCap; SAS/SPSS; etc.).
* Experience working independently and remotely.

Interested applicants should email:

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