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Name and Description of Agency:

Children's Sentinel Nutrition Assessment Program (C-SNAP)
Boston Medical Center
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The Children's Sentinel Nutrition Assessment Program (C-SNAP) is a nonpartisan research and public policy center headquartered at Boston Medical Center. Through a national network of pediatricians and public health researchers, C-SNAP conducts original research to inform policy decisions that protect and promote children's health and well-being.

Our Vision

An America where the critical litmus test for all state and national social, economic and health policies is the effect of public policy on children's health.

Our mission

To be the preeminent non-partisan resource for pediatric evidence on the effects of public policies on young, low-income children's health and well-being.

Our methods

Since 1998, C-SNAP has collected data in frontline healthcare settings to perform cutting edge research on the impact of public policy on children ages zero to three. Our multi-site network of pediatricians and public health professionals continuously monitors the impact of public policy changes on the nutrition, health and food security of low-income babies and toddlers in the United States.

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Name of practicum position: C-SNAP Outreach Practicum

Description of student responsibilities:

- Conduct health and nutrition interviews with parents of children under three and measure the lengths of these children in the BMC Pediatric Emergency Room
- Work closely with the C-SNAP Outreach Worker
- Provide families with relevant outreach information for services and assistance
- Create attractive outreach materials concerning topics pertinent to Boston-area families

- Research and update current outreach library by creating electronic resources using applications including Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat
- Tabulate the times resources for particular topics have been requested on a weekly basis
- Monitor outreach activities using an electronic database and create weekly and monthly reports
- Ensure compliance of interviews with IRB protocol
- Assist Research Coordinator on outreach-related tasks
- Attend weekly research meetings with the C-SNAP research team

Minimum Skills Needed:

- Experience working with underserved populations, ideally in an urban setting
- Interpersonal skills and cultural sensitivity
- Proficiency with Microsoft applications
- Ability to adapt to working in a potentially stressful work setting
- Ability to network and effectively research resources
- Previous experience developing health-related handouts for various demographics and literacy levels
- Previous experience in volunteer programs, not-for-profits, or community service groups
- Previous experience discussing sensitive issues openly
- Previous experience in health education, patient advocacy or community outreach
- Enrollment in an MPH degree program

Learning Objectives:

- Become knowledgeable about topics that impact children under three and their families
- Develop skills in working with underserved populations
- Develop skills, judgment, and comfort level working in a large institution
- Become proficient in the interpretation and creation of effective data presentation
- Become proficient in networking and fact-finding
- Understand the research process and its application to public health policy making

Estimated number of hours required per week and days of service:

- The ideal candidate will be able to commit 15 hours/week. C-SNAP is in operation from 8am-midnight 7 days a week.

Estimated start/end dates: Jan– May, 2008/May-Sept, 2008/Sept-Dec 2008.

Application deadline: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 for Jan-May Practicum

Number of students requested: 1

This position is available once per semester.