POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Organization Name:
HANDS in Autism® Interdisciplinary Training and Resource Center and Children’s Health Services Research at the Indiana University School of Medicine

No. of Openings: 1
Hours per Week: Full-Time
Wage/Salary: Aligned with NIH Guidelines
Employment Start Date: Summer/Fall 2016
Employment End Date: Two years following start date

Supervisors: Naomi Swiezy, Ph.D., HSPP and Nerissa Bauer, MD, MPH

Job Description:
This opportunity is available as a joint appointment to HANDS in Autism® and the Children’s Health Services Research (CHSR) through targeted funding from the Indiana University School of Medicine’s CTSI (Clinical and Transitional Sciences Institute). The position is open for those with particular interest in translational and implementation work. The Postdoctoral Fellow will have options to engage in research pertaining to the work of the HANDS in Autism® Center and with structured mentoring and support both from the Director of HANDS as well as from faculty within CHSR. The particular research agenda will be matched with Postdoctoral Fellow skills and interests as well as HANDS in Autism® research priorities and ongoing efforts.

Potential research direction may include study pertaining to the psychometrics of implementation measures, community needs assessments and evaluation, program evaluation, implementation research on evidence-based practices and comprehensive programs, and single case studies. A particular goal will be to further develop the research agenda and productivity within HANDS in Autism®, working with a team of students, and setting the pace for ongoing publication and increased access to research funding to reach research and dissemination potential and to set the stage for further and ongoing support as a leader of the HANDS in Autism® research team.

Through work with HANDS and CHSR, the Postdoctoral Fellow will contribute to burgeoning research related to the comprehensive evaluation of HANDS in Autism® services and programming efforts across multiple contexts and by multiple consumers and stakeholders. The fellow will gain intensive training and support with regards to health services research methodology through CHSR as well as with regards to the innovative, specialized and community-based service and training model from HANDS in Autism®. The fellow will receive joint mentorship from faculty of both HANDS in Autism® and CHSR and will be expected to complete coursework that can be applied to a Masters of Science or Masters of Public Health degree, assisting the areas of needed skill enhancement.

Qualifications:
The successful HANDS in Autism®/Children’s Health Services Research Postdoctoral Fellow will need to have the following prerequisite skills:
• hold a doctoral degree (M.D., Ph.D., or the equivalent)
• have a commitment to a career in research and desire rigorous research training
• work well with an interdisciplinary team
• function well independently once provided with initial instruction • well-versed in use of basic computer skills (e.g., Microsoft office inclusive of Word, Excel, Access)
• knowledge/experience with more advanced statistical software (e.g., SPSS, SAS) and data management systems (e.g., REDCap, relational databases, EndNote, Zotero) preferred
• competent in conducting extensive literature reviews and summarizing literature
• academic and/or work experience related to the field of research and applied sciences (psychology, social studies, education, public health, biostatistics) and/or experience with and competency in statistical work in the behavioral sciences and related to data input, data management, and data analyses.

Application Instructions:
This posting will be open until the position is filled. Interested students should complete the application here.

Further, please email Dr. Naomi Swiezy (nswiezy@iupui.edu) and Dr. Tiffany Neal (nealti_ff@iupui.edu) at HANDS or Dr. Nerissa Bauer (nsbauer@iu.edu) at CHSR for any additional questions about details related to the position, activities, and alignment with interests. Further correspondence may include setting up a time to meet via phone or in person as well as information related to the next steps related to the position.