Data and Evaluation Research Assistant Position
Start date December 2020
Boston, MA – Remote Position

ChildObesity180 is a national leader in childhood obesity prevention, blending scientific evidence and rigor with innovation and experience from the private sector to develop, implement, evaluate, and scale high-impact obesity prevention initiatives in the U.S. ChildObesity180 leverages experiences, insights, and assets from multiple sectors to address the complex, systemic factors that influence young people's health and wellness.

ChildObesity180 has partnered with the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) to replicate their evidence-based Healthy Ways program in other communities across the US. Anchored in best practices and research, Healthy Ways infuses principles of healthy living throughout the community, with the ultimate goal of helping participants build lifelong healthy habits that support learning, achievement, and growth. Led by co-Principal Investigators Christina Economos and Dan Hatfield, ChildObesity180 will oversee research and evaluation for this replication effort, using quantitative and qualitative methodologies to evaluate programming in replication communities using a RE-AIM (reach, effectiveness, adoption, implementation, and maintenance) framework.

ChildObesity180 seeks to hire a part-time data and evaluation research assistant to support this research effort. This position will support the development and implementation of the mixed-methods evaluation protocol, including the identification and development of instruments for both quantitative and qualitative data collection, creation of data tracking and management systems/tools, and collection of quantitative and qualitative data (e.g., surveys, key informant interviews).

Key Responsibilities:
- Adapt existing data management tools (e.g., Excel spreadsheets) for use in replication communities, or create new tools as appropriate to ensure usability by non-research personnel
- Assist with development of data collection protocols, guided by the RE-AIM framework, to assess replication of Healthy Harlem in replication communities
- Conduct research to identify valid instruments (e.g., surveys) for data collection
- Assist with organizing and submitting IRB protocols

Required Qualifications:
- Must be 18 years or older
- Commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity
- Experience with the development of user-friendly data management tools (e.g. Excel spreadsheets with advanced functionalities)
- Knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies
- Excellent written communication skills
- Excellent organizational skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and manage multiple tasks concurrently

Preferred Qualifications:
- Experience working with underserved and/or underrepresented populations
- Experience drafting and submitting IRB protocols
- Experience with the development of qualitative and quantitative research instruments (e.g., surveys, interview guides)
- Experience conducting literature reviews

Schedule: An average of 10 hours per week is expected, starting in December 2020 and continuing through May 2021, with the possibility for extension based on performance and project needs. Hours can be arranged to accommodate academic schedule and/or other commitments.

To Apply: Please send your resume and a cover letter explaining your interest in the position via email to Catherine Wright, Senior Program Manager at ChildObesity180, at catherine.wright@tufts.edu. **Deadline is Monday December 14, 2020.**