



RESEARCH SCIENTIST Early Childhood

Child Trends is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research center that studies children at all stages of development. Our mission is to improve outcomes for children by providing research, data, and analysis to the people and institutions whose decisions and actions affect children.

Deadline for Applications: November 30, 2009

General Description

Responsible for planning and executing major social science research projects in consultation with other colleagues and/or organizations. Designs research approach and selects appropriate quantitative or other tools of analysis. Performs analysis; writes and presents reports; draws policy inferences. Must develop and write proposals. May function as principal investigator/project manager for research projects.

Responsibilities

- Develops or participates in developing research topics, proposals, budgets, and research design.
- Selects appropriate statistical techniques to analyze collected data.
- Supervises and/or participates in data collection, tabulation, and analysis by research analysts and research assistants; participates in interpreting data from policy and program perspectives.
- Makes site visits, conducts interviews with public officials, and supervises field research.
- May serve as project manager/principal investigator for one or more projects.
- May serve as supervisor for more junior research staff.
- Writes final reports and presents results to clients. Prepares papers for presentations, publications, and testimony.
- Disseminates/responds to public information requests from reporters, Congress, and researchers.
- Reviews resumes and interviews candidates for employment.

Job Requirements

A combination of quantitative, analytical, and writing skills, relevant substantive knowledge, and social policy research experience needed to perform the duties described above, or the academic knowledge of and research experience in a discipline that is generally associated with the attainment of the Ph.D. or equivalent level of knowledge or experience. A Master's degree or other relevant degree may be considered with substantial relevant experience.

Qualifications

- Advanced experience with multivariate quantitative analyses and mixed methods approaches.
- Research experience on quality in early childhood settings, both home- and center-based.
- Experience in early childhood policy.
- Research experience on the development of dual language learners is a plus.

How to Apply

Upload your resume with a cover letter, salary requirements, transcripts, a writing sample, and three professional references at <http://resumes.chldtrends.org>. Alternatively, email this information to hr@childtrends.org, fax it to 202/362-8420, or mail to HR Manager, Child Trends, 4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20008. **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!**

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