



## **RESEARCH SCIENTIST Fertility and Family Structure**

*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.*

### **General Description**

Child Trends has an opening for a Research Scientist in its Fertility and Family Structure research area. Current research projects focus on adolescent and young adult relationships, sexual activity, and contraceptive use; unintended pregnancy and childbearing; male fertility behaviors; and nonmarital childbearing and union formation. These projects use data from the National Survey of Family Growth, the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 cohort, and the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (Kindergarten cohort and Birth cohort). Experience with one or more of these data files is preferred.

### **Typical duties and Responsibilities**

1. Develops or participates in developing research topics, proposals, budgets, and research designs.
2. Serves as project manager/principal investigator for one or more projects.
3. Selects appropriate statistical techniques to analyze collected data.
4. Supervises and/or participates in quantitative data analysis (and sometimes qualitative analysis) by more junior researchers.
5. Maintains budgets and manages resources for segments of research projects under his or her responsibility; supervises junior-level researchers.
6. Participates in discussing implications of research findings from policy and program perspectives.
7. Writes final reports and presents results to government and foundation funders. Prepares papers for presentation, publication, and testimony.
8. Works closely with Child Trends' communications and policy staff to disseminate research findings to the policy and programmatic communities, the media, and other researchers.

### **Qualifications**

A combination of quantitative, analytical, and writing skills, relevant substantive knowledge, social policy research experience, and experience with proposal writing and fundraising is required. Experience with structural equation modeling and latent class analysis is a plus. The position requires PhD-level knowledge and 1-2 years of post-doctoral job experience. Applicants with Master's degrees or other relevant degrees will be considered, but additional experience will be expected. Proficiency with SAS and/or Stata and experience using large nationally representative data sets is required.

### **How to Apply**

Upload your resume with a cover letter, salary requirements, writing sample, and list of three professional references at <http://resumes.childtrends.org>, referencing "Senior Research Scientist" in the cover letter. Alternatively, email your application to [hr@childtrends.org](mailto:hr@childtrends.org) with "Senior Research Scientist" in the subject line or fax (202/362-8420) or mail the material to: HR Manager, Child Trends, 4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20008. **NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE!**

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