POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN CHILD MALTREATMENT SCIENCE

Penn State University’s Child Maltreatment Solutions Network is now accepting applications for our 2-year NICHD-funded T32 post-doctoral fellowship in child maltreatment science. The training will allow fellows to specialize in several training tracks including a) Biological Embedding, b) Developmental Processes, c) Prevention and Treatment, and d) Policy and Administrative Data Systems. This training is one of the few opportunities for new scholars to develop expertise across the wide spectrum of child maltreatment science.

Penn State University is also home to the NICHD P50 Capstone Center of Excellence in Child Maltreatment Research and Training - Penn State’s Translational Center for Child Maltreatment Studies and fellows would get the opportunity to work on several large-scale research projects, that include child welfare-involved youth, intervention and prevention projects as well as longitudinal studies on predictors of child maltreatment, youth and family outcomes, and child welfare data and services.

Fellows will benefit from the comprehensive, multi-level and transdisciplinary training program that seeks to develop transdisciplinary scholars. Postdoctoral fellows will work with a mentor team from a group of 11 faculty experts in child maltreatment who serve as a part of the Child Maltreatment Solutions Network https://www.solutionsnetwork.psu.edu (see link for more on faculty and activities of the Child Maltreatment Solutions Network). Fellows will also work with a set of secondary mentors from a group of 20 Penn State faculty with specialties including, but not limited to education, biology, genetics, treatment, human development, administrative data systems, social determinants of health, emotional and cognitive development, physical health, behavioral economics, and neuroscience. Fellows will be trained in research ethics, professional development, and grant writing, as well as gain experience in implementing research and translating findings to influence practice and policy within the child maltreatment field. Fellows will also get the opportunity to participate in a summer training institute on child maltreatment in partnership with other P50 Centers and attend P50 Center meetings at NIH.

Preferred applicants will have a doctorate in a relevant area of study, excellent oral and written communication skills, and experience in conducting research and data analysis on child maltreatment research or related area.

Start date for fellowship is flexible (ideally early July, 2020). Interested applicants should send an email with their curriculum vitae, a 5-page double-spaced statement of interest that includes their previous experience, career goals, preferred track(s), a writing sample, and two letters of recommendations by May 1, 2020 to Yo Jackson, Ph.D., ABPP, Penn State University, Department of Psychology yjackson@psu.edu.