POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN FIREARM INJURY PREVENTION RESEARCH AMONG CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) funded Firearm-safety Among Children & Teens consortium is recruiting one or two outstanding early-career stage research investigators to undertake an intensive two-year postdoctoral program of mentored, applied research focusing on the nature and prevention of firearm injuries among children and adolescents. Positions will be awarded on a competitive basis to individuals who have completed a doctoral degree program (M.D., Ph.D., D.Ph., or equivalent) and have demonstrated commitment and interest in Firearm Safety and Prevention research, either as their primary career focus or as an element of a broader research career. The primary age group of interest for this research funding and training opportunity is children and adolescents.

Our program of research for firearm safety will be the core activity of the fellowship. Specific areas of interest for research include the epidemiology of pediatric firearm injuries, risk and protective factors, primary and secondary prevention of unintentional, self-inflicted and intentional firearm injuries, the prevention of long-term sequelae of firearm injuries, and attention to disparities defined in any number of ways. This initiative is led by Rebecca Cunningham, M.D. and Marc Zimmerman Ph.D. at the University of Michigan School of Medicine and School of Public Health. Additional sites for training and mentorship opportunities may be available from Co-investigators at other institutions. The Principal investigators and senior co-investigators represent many of the disciplines appropriate to the study and prevention of firearm injuries among children: medicine, epidemiology, public health, psychiatry/psychology, and economics.

Fellows will collaborate in ongoing research that is being conducted as a component of this consortium and will have an opportunity to collaborate both on these ongoing projects within the initiative and through analyses of their own, all with mentoring by study core investigators. The specific content of each fellowship will be tailored to meet the goals and objectives of the fellow. The University of Michigan will provide a robust program of courses, seminars, and other learning and teaching opportunities for postdoctoral scholars. Investigators are actively involved in catalyzing the science of childhood firearm injury prevention with the overarching goal of reducing firearm injuries among children and fellows will be expected to participate in this important work.

To apply, please submit:

- Candidates should provide a cover letter describing their goals and qualifications for the fellowship
- Specific research interests and career plans
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three (3) references
- Two (2) copies of published papers or other recent examples of their scholarly work

Materials should be sent by email to Lynn Massey, LMSW, Managing Director, at facts-team@med.umich.edu. Please use the subject line “Fellowship Application.” Due on or before February 15, 2020.