

The Department of Psychiatry at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) is seeking applicants for a full-time clinical Research Assistant (RA) position to begin in July 2022. The RA will serve as coordinator for two projects pertaining to First Episode Psychosis (FEP) research and practice.

The RA will serve as the coordinator of “MAPNET,” the Massachusetts Psychosis Network for Early Treatment (www.mapnet.online), a state-funded technical assistance center offering training and support to first episode psychosis programs across the state of Massachusetts. Responsibilities include coordinating training events, evaluating fidelity to clinical best practices, and assisting in the conceptualization and organization of web-based and in-person learning opportunities on topics relating to recognizing and responding to emerging psychosis. The RA will also provide assistance to BIDMC’s FEP clinic, APSIRE, where they will conduct intake assessments with clients and collaborate with psychiatrists. Additionally, the RA will assist in the organization of treatment outcomes data gathered by the first episode psychosis programs around the state. As such, there will be occasional travel involved.

The RA will also serve as a liaison between MAPNET and McLean Hospital’s LEAP Center (<https://www.mcleanhospital.org/research/leap-center>), an NIMH-funded center for FEP research. MAPNET and the LEAP Center collaborate closely to collect and interpret treatment outcomes data from clients served at FEP treatment programs.

The position is situated in the Department of Psychiatry at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, located on the Harvard Longwood campus in Boston. The RA will report to and work closely with Dr. Matcheri Keshavan, MAPNET Director. Opportunities for professional development abound and include attending Harvard Longwood psychiatry grand rounds, attending specialized trainings pertaining to evidence-based practices for first episode psychosis, attending meetings focused on public policy relevant to FEP care, and co-authoring white papers, posters, and scholarly publications. The right candidate will be highly organized and motivated with a warm and professional interpersonal style.

Responsibilities include:

- Establishing and maintaining positive relationships with FEP stakeholders through the state (youth and families, clinicians, program administrators, researchers, and state leadership)
- Managing the MAPNET website
- Consulting to FEP clinics on assessment practices and data storage
- Conducting clinic fidelity assessments
- Coordinating professional training initiatives for FEP providers
- Organizing regional conferences
- Managing research regulatory requirements
- Conducting literature reviews and contributing to scholarly presentations and publications

Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree in psychology, public health, social work, or a related field
- Experience using REDcap, Excel, and SPSS preferred
- Experience with research studies preferred
- Experience in human services position (either volunteer or professional) strongly preferred
- Proficiency with website development (e.g., using Squarespace or Weebly) is a plus

Interested candidates please send one document containing a one-page cover letter, a resume, and three references to Alyssa Williamson, awilli26@bidmc.harvard.edu. Your letter should clearly state your experience working in mental health services and/or research, as well as your interest in early psychosis.