

Human Research Technologist in the Coping and Regulation of Environment Stress Lab at Penn State

POSITION SPECIFICS

The [Coping and Regulation of Environment Stress \(CaRES\) Lab](#), directed by Dr. Martha Wadsworth, invites applications for a **Human Research Technologist** to serve as its assessment coordinator.

The **Human Research Technologist** will have the opportunity to work on a NIMH-funded study, investigating the efficacy of the Building a Strong Identity and Coping Skills (BaSICS) program, which is a group-based, team-building coping and empowerment intervention developed specifically to meet the needs of youth growing up in poverty. This position will mainly be responsible for coordinating assessments with families in the State College, Pennsylvania, area and will work directly with participants and their families through phone and virtual calls, email exchanges, and face-to-face interactions.

Key Responsibilities:

- Schedule, supervise, and conduct study assessments with parents and youth
- Monitor and upload datasets; maintain detailed documentation of data collection
- Prepare research protocols and materials (e.g., participant forms and questionnaires)
- Inventory materials; order and purchase supplies
- Provide updates and solicit feedback/advice from other team members on the study's progress and/or challenges
- Train and oversee several lab team members
- Perform administrative tasks related to the study (e.g., complete family payment documentation, update participant records)
- Assist with recruitment and retention of participants, attend recruitment events to enroll new families, and maintain regular contact with already enrolled families

This position requires a flexible schedule to include evenings and weekends, primarily to accommodate the availability of participating families.

Qualifications:

- Experience with social science research or professional experience working with children and families
- Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills
- Meticulous attention to detail
- Outstanding organizational skills; ability to manage multiple tasks and various schedules efficiently and accurately
- Ability to take on leadership for assigned work-related tasks, both independently and as part of a team

Due to the demographic of participating families, being bilingual in English and Spanish will be considered a plus.

MINIMUM EDUCATION, WORK EXPERIENCE & REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

Associate Degree 2+ years of relevant experience; or an equivalent combination of education and experience accepted
Required Certifications: None

Application Instructions:

Applicants must upload a cover letter of interest, highlighting relevant skills, and a CV/resume.

Additional Information:

Questions about the position can be directed to the Principal Investigator, Dr. Martha Wadsworth, at mew27@psu.edu.

The College of the Liberal Arts is supportive of flexible work arrangements when aligned with the ability to meet the needs of the unit and the essential duties of the position.

Questions related to flexible work should be directed to the hiring manager during the interview process.

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