

## Research Assistant at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles

The Levitt Neurodevelopmental Lab (PI: Dr. Pat Levitt) is hiring a Research Assistant for an early childhood adversity study! This position is for our Family First Study. Interested candidates will complete the REDCap interest form below.

Position Summary: under the supervision of the Research Associates/Research Managers, recruits project participants and administers structured and/or interview survey materials. May be responsible for data collection, data entry, and/or study documentation. Conducts literature searches, writes summary documents, and may participate in the design of studies and metrics.

Family First: this study has a goal of scaling biomarker and data collection methods to determine whether infants experiencing early life adversity exhibit changes to their metabolic health. Families are recruited from collaborative pediatric practices and community partners throughout Los Angeles and Ventura counties. There is a focus on mitochondrial (mt) measures, using advanced assays for mtDNA and mtRNA, in partnership with the Center for Personalized Medicine at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The study also includes high-resolution eye tracking of infants to assess development of attention systems, parent questionnaires that address resiliency, social connectedness, access to social services, family routines, and parental stress and emotional state. The study uses a play-based infant developmental assessment and a mother-infant interaction task. This work is supported by the California Initiative to Advance Precision Medicine – Adverse Childhood Experiences research grant program.

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