

Research Specialist/Interviewer for Autism Study

Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at Boston University seeks to hire study interviewers who live in Boston, the surrounding metropolitan area, the South shore and Cape Cod, central Massachusetts, and western Massachusetts to interview mothers of adolescents and adults with autism spectrum disorders about their experiences. Interviews will be completed within the geographical area of the employee's home. Training and interviewing will start in September 2007 and continue through June 2008. Job duties include:

- 1) Contacting mothers and/or responsible caregivers of participants to schedule interviews.
- 2) Travel to the participant's home (or agreed upon location) to administer the interview, including administration of the Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (ADI-R) and Vineland Screener.
- 3) Coding data instruments according to study protocol which will require working with a project manager on a weekly basis.
- 4) It will be required that meetings and scheduling be arranged to comply with certain deadlines required of the study, and that scheduled office meetings be attended.
- 5) Answering questions regarding the research project via telephone correspondence or face-to-face contact, and serve as a liaison between the study participants and the project office to ensure that the criteria of research procedures are met.
- 6) Upholding confidential rules/regulations regarding respondent information, project-related documents or working materials based on guidelines procured through Boston University's Institutional Review Board.

Training: A required paid two-day training course will be provided, focusing on administration of the ADI-R, the Vineland Screener, and the study protocol, followed by one day of field training.

Hours: Hours and days for scheduling interviews are flexible. Interviewers must have at least two days, one evening, and some weekend availability for scheduling and/or completing interviews. Total hours required: 8-16 hours per week

Qualifications: Bachelor's or Master's degree in Psychology, Education, Special Education, Social Work, or related fields. Experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities (in particular persons with an autism spectrum disorder) and their families. Professionals knowledgeable in the administration of standardized assessments in order to analyze, interpret, and prepare various reports that will be required of each visit is strongly encouraged.

Personal qualities: Candidates must have excellent organizational skills, be good problem-solvers, have good communication skills, and an ability to work within limited time constraints.

Rate of pay: \$15.00 per hour in addition to \$.485 reimbursed per mile for car travel.

If interested, please send a letter of interest, a resume, and three references to:

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