

Job Opportunity at University of California, San Diego: Research Assistant

Gregory Aarons, Ph.D. of the UC San Diego Department of Psychiatry and Child & Adolescent Services Research Center (CASRC) is currently seeking a research assistant to work on his research studies regarding implementation of evidence-based practice. The implementation of evidence-based practice into real-world human service settings is an important priority for improving the quality of services and outcomes for individuals and families. Identifying the factors that facilitate successful service implementation and the attainment of desired outcomes requires investigation into the characteristics of and inter-relationships between service delivery strategies, service recipients, service providers, and the organizations and systems within which they are embedded.

Our lab investigates what it takes to effectively implement and sustain clinical practices in community-based settings. Multiple ongoing research studies utilize quantitative and qualitative methods to develop detailed service assessments and improvement recommendations for behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, and criminal justice service settings within San Diego County and throughout the State of California. Our studies aim to identify and support the organizational factors that improve evidence-based practice implementation and sustainability, including organizational culture, organizational climate, and leadership. Data sources include large administrative data sets as well as original data collected from mental health and social service agencies. Study participants include program executives, supervisors, direct service providers, and their clients.

Under supervision, the incumbent will work as a Research Assistant for the Child & Adolescent Services Research Center (CASRC) in the Department of Psychiatry at UC San Diego. The incumbent will be responsible for assisting in the management of day-to-day operations of a NIH-funded research study using organizational and leadership strategies to improve the implementation and quality of evidence-based practices in substance use treatment programs. The main duties and responsibilities will include: maintaining contact with research participants, coordinating participant retention and tracking, preparing and administering survey instruments, tracking and downloading data using web-based survey programs, managing data using SPSS and web-based data collection programs, conducting research data analysis, assisting with preparing reports and presentations, and compiling agency feedback reports. Other duties will be assigned as needed.

The ideal candidate will have completed college level coursework in psychology, psychiatry, sociology, or a related field or equivalent knowledge or experience, possess knowledge of public sector mental health and social service organizations, and have demonstrated experience managing survey data and performing basic descriptive analyses using SPSS software.

The position is full-time, starting salary ranging from \$2,998 - \$3,166 per month. Full benefits available. Preferred start date is as soon as possible and a **two-year** commitment is strongly preferred.

Interested applicants should send their cover letter and resume to jiphillips@ucsd.edu and **apply** using the following link:

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The application deadline is **4/26/18**. After that date, we will be unable to consider applications.