



**Senior Research Specialist
Children and Family Research Center
School of Social Work**

The Children and Family Research Center (CFRC, the Center), a unit within the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is seeking applications for a Senior Research Specialist. The Children and Family Research Center was established in 1996 in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to identify and monitor child welfare service outcomes, conduct program evaluations of key interventions, and complete research on critical issues that impact the success of DCFS efforts.

Duties and Responsibilities: The Senior Research Specialist will take a leadership role in ongoing research projects that fulfill the Center's mission to 1) maintain a research program that is responsive to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Service responsibilities under statutes and court orders and 2) contribute to scientific knowledge about child safety, family permanence, and child and family well-being. In addition to collaborative work on existing Center projects, the Senior Research Specialist will develop and lead his or her own program of research related to one or more of these topics. Within this program of child welfare research, the Senior Research Specialist will serve as the principal investigator and will conceive, develop, and implement individual projects, and will be expected to obtain external funding for a portion of this research. In addition, the Senior Research Specialist will serve as a "team leader" and will supervisor junior researchers and graduate students affiliated with the Center. The Senior Research Specialist will be expected to disseminate research findings through academic journal publications, research reports and briefs targeted toward child welfare administrators and professionals, and presentations at local, state, and national conferences.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- Master's degree in psychology, sociology, social work, or related field
- At least 5 years professional experience in child welfare research
- Proven success in conceiving and maintaining an independent program of research, as evidenced by independently generated state, federal, or private funding
- A strong background in quantitative research methodology and statistical analysis
- Knowledge of and contributions to scholarly literature and research in child welfare
- Ability to mentor and supervise others and work collaboratively in a team-oriented workplace

Preferred Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in psychology, sociology, social work or related field

This is a full-time (100%), twelve month non-tenure track academic professional position. The position is grant-funded and renewal is contingent upon availability of funds. The selected applicant will report to the CFRC Director. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications. The proposed start date is as soon as possible after the closing date.

Please create your candidate profile at <http://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload your resume, a cover letter and the names and email addresses of three professional references by the May 18, 2011. All requested information must be submitted for your application to be considered.

For further information regarding application procedures, you may contact Jaime Waymouth at waymouth@illinois.edu . You may also visit <http://www.CFRC.illinois.edu> for additional information.

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