Undergraduate Research Opportunity:
Volunteering at the Comprehensive Assessment and Intervention Program (CAIP)

At the Comprehensive Assessment and Intervention Program (CAIP) we conduct clinic-based research trying to understand the best ways to assess and treat behavioral and emotional problems in children and adolescents. We also conduct research in the community trying to understand family-based factors that make the difference in whether teens engage in delinquent behavior.

For more information on CAIP and to download an undergraduate volunteer application, please see: http://sites.google.com/site/caipumaryland/

Current Studies: (1) Clinic-based study testing new ways of assessing social anxiety symptoms in children.
(2) Community-based study examining family and relationship factors related to how parents and children interact with each other. This study is in collaboration with the Center for Addiction, Personality, and Emotion Research (CAPER).
(3) Focus group community-based study examining how parents and their teens answer questions about how parents monitor their teens' whereabouts.

Duties Include: (1) Recruiting and assisting in the completion of assessments for one of the studies (e.g., Explaining studies to participants, supervising their completion of assessments, conducting interviews and administering tasks on the computer).
(2) Managing data collection (entering data using statistical software)
(3) Assisting with administrative duties at CAIP
(4) Assistance mainly on afternoons/evenings and weekends, when parents and children often wish to participate in the studies.

Meetings: Volunteers will have weekly meetings with Dr. Andres De Los Reyes (Director of CAIP) and weekly meetings with the graduate students who are coordinating the projects.

Dates: We have a number of projects beginning in the next few weeks that will be ongoing through the summer of 2009 and thereafter. Training to assist in studies may begin immediately.

Skills: Volunteers will be trained on tasks related to the study they are assisting in. We expect volunteers to commit to a minimum of 9 hours a week working on the study. This weekly commitment consists of ½ time assisting in participants completing studies and ½ time assisting in work related to the functioning of the CAIP lab, including weekly meetings.

Contact: Dr. Andres De Los Reyes (adelosreyes@psyc.umd.edu) to arrange for an appointment.
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