

Employment Opportunity with CDC Injury Center's Division of Violence Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is pleased to announce an employment opportunity for a behavioral scientist in the Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. The Division supports both intramural and extramural research and projects to prevent violence. Activities focus on the primary prevention of violence through the public health approach: defining the problem, identifying risk and protective factors, developing and testing prevention strategies, and assuring widespread adoption of prevention principles and strategies.

The specific opportunity is within the Program Implementation and Dissemination Branch (PIDB) of the Division of Violence Prevention, which is seeking someone with a social or behavioral science background to serve as a **Senior Service Fellow on the Research, Synthesis, and Application Team (RSA)**. The PIDB is oriented towards researching, designing, and implementing violence prevention strategies from a public health perspective across all levels of the social ecological model. The branch addresses primary prevention of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, youth violence, child maltreatment, and suicide.

The RSA Team has four main foci described in their core document on the Interactive Systems Framework for Dissemination and Implementation (Wandersman et al., 2008):

- 1) Dissemination/Implementation research/evaluation of intervention strategies and programs;
- 2) Synthesis and translation of scientific knowledge to practice;
- 3) Capacity-building development; and
- 4) Program evaluation, including evaluation research and program evaluation.

The person we are seeking will be:

A PhD-level Social/Behavioral/Health Scientist with expertise to implement program evaluation of violence prevention strategies, programs, and policies through independent investigation, advice, and consultation to others.

Duties:

The incumbent will focus on providing technical assistance and consultation to grantees implementing violence prevention programmatic activities to improve their capacity for evaluation and program improvement, especially in the prevention of youth violence and sexual violence. Knowledge or experience in synthesizing, translating, and disseminating violence prevention strategies is highly desirable. Interest or knowledge in dissemination/implementation research/evaluation is extremely advantageous. Only applicants with experience in evaluation and research at the community/societal-level will be considered. Because excellent written, verbal, and presentation skills are required, applicants will be required to make a formal verbal presentation as part of the interview process.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and curriculum vita or resume to RSA Team Lead, Richard W. Puddy, PhD, MPH, by Friday, July 24th, 2009. His email address is rpuddy@cdc.gov and phone number is 770-488-1369.

For more information on CDC's Division of Violence Prevention and the Interactive Systems Framework for Dissemination and Implementation, please visit

<http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/youthviolence/translation.html>

Wandersman, A., Duffy, J., Flaspohler, P., Noonan, R., Lubell, K., Stillman, L., Blachman, M., Dunville, R., & Saul, J. (2008). Bridging the gap between prevention research and practice: The Interactive Systems Framework for Dissemination and Implementation. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 41, 171-181.