

## Postdoctoral Scholar

The Children's Data Network (CDN) at the University of Southern California is seeking candidates for an in-residence, one-year postdoctoral scholar position (the appointment is renewable for up to one additional year). The Postdoctoral Scholar will be mentored in the analysis of large-scale, integrated, administrative data and will be supported to pursue an agenda of applied and actionable research concerning transition-age foster youth and other vulnerable populations.

This position offers early-career scholars an opportunity to strengthen their portfolio of publications and rigorous research in the context of a unique university, agency, and community data collaborative. The Postdoctoral Scholar will report to Dr. Emily Putnam-Hornstein (Project PI) while also working with CDN-affiliated researchers and senior scientific advisors. The appointed candidate will be encouraged to partner with other faculty at the University of Southern California in order to help launch an interdisciplinary career in applied research. It is expected that the candidate will collaborate closely with program officers from the funding foundation (Conrad N. Hilton Foundation) in the development and dissemination of research – and will be an active partner in furthering university-agency partnerships.

Candidates should have a strong statistical background and a conferred PhD in a relevant social science, policy, or health field. Strong written and oral communication skills and a track-record of being a motivated self-starter will be heavily weighted. A demonstrated interest in the analysis of large-scale data, transition age youth, and/or health and social service systems serving children and families is preferred. Applicants will be assessed on the basis of their past work and potential for independent scholarship. Individuals from under-represented minority groups and disciplines not traditionally engaged in research involving children and families are encouraged to apply. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

## About the Children's Data Network

The CDN is a new university, agency, and community data and research collaborative housed within the USC School of Social Work and developed in partnership with the UC Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project. Funded by First 5 LA with additional support from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, the Children's Data Network is focused on the linkage and analysis of administrative data to generate knowledge that will improve the health, safety and well-being of children and youth. The Children's Data Network provides an innovative and collaborative academic community dedicated to rigorous, policy-relevant, and actionable research ([www.datanetwork.org](http://www.datanetwork.org)).

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, CV, and copies of two publications or other scholarly writing to the USC Career Webpage: <http://jobs.usc.edu/postings/42397>. Appointed postdocs receive at least the NIH rate for years of experience as a postdoc. *Expressions of interest are accepted online only.*

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