**Part-Time Research Assistant for Yale Moms ‘n’ Kids Program**

**Researchers:** Nancy E. Suchman, Ph.D. (Principal Investigator)

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**Type of Employment:** Part-time employee; there may be the possibility to increase hours to full time in May or June 2018

**Hours:** 20 hours per week during weekday business hours; some Wednesday and Friday hours required

**Expected** **start date:** February or early March 2018

**Worksite Address:** Moms ‘n’ Kids Project Office, 1 Long Wharf Drive, 3rd floor, Suite 310, New Haven, CT 06511

**Description of Program:** The Yale Moms ‘n’ Kids Program is a research study/parenting program offered to women who are receiving outpatient substance abuse treatment at the APT Foundation and are caring for a child between the ages of 11 months and 5 years. During their time in the program, mothers complete parenting interviews and play sessions with their child as well as a brief course of treatment in one of two parenting interventions. The study is funded by the National Institute of Health and is being conducted at the Yale School of Medicine (HIC#26890) and the APT Foundation.

**As a Research Assistant with the Moms ‘n’ Kids Program,** you will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working with at-risk mothers and young children side-by-side with research staff and addiction counselors in a clinical research setting. This position is ideal for a college student interested in learning more about clinical research, child development, attachment, parenting, and/or addiction.

**Primary Responsibilities:**

1. Recruit mothers enrolled in substance abuse treatment at the APT Foundation to join the study. Conduct screening interviews to determine eligibility.
2. Review informed consent procedures with eligible mothers and counselors
3. Work side-by-side with research staff and counselors in running research appointments
4. Schedule, set up, and lead research assessments, including parent-child play sessions, parenting interviews, and self-report questionnaires
5. Connect study participants to additional resources in the local community as needed
6. Lead developmentally appropriate activities with children ages birth to 5 years while mothers attend study assessments and treatment sessions.
7. Participate in weekly supervision meetings, where we discuss clients and children who are active in the study, including behavioral and clinical issues related to their care.
8. Perform data entry, client tracking, editing of interview transcripts, and other administrative or research-related tasks as needed

**Requirements:**

1. Must be working towards a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology, Social Work, or a related field
2. Experience working in a clinical and/or research setting
3. Experience working with children
4. Passion for working with at-risk families
5. Able to work sensitively with confidential materials
6. Nonjudgmental, compassionate attitude
7. Self-motivated and reliable
8. Excellent writing, organizational and communication skills.

**Background Check:** All candidates will be subject to a pre-employment background screening.

**Contact:** If interested, please email resume and cover letter to Cindy DeCoste, [cindy.decoste@yale.edu](mailto:cindy.decoste@yale.edu) and Katie Arnone [karnone@aptfoundation.org](mailto:karnone@aptfoundation.org) in a single email. Please include in subject line of email *Application for Research Assistant position*.