Research Assistant Application
Hair Cortisol, Stress, & Parenting Behavior Study

Lab description: The Child Anxiety and Mood (CAM) Lab (https://www.uoflcamlab.com) focuses on the assessment and predictors of early-emerging psychological difficulties, and identifying the range of normative to pathological emotional development in early childhood relevant to risk for anxiety and mood dysregulation.

Project description: Research Assistants (RAs) will assist with a study that examines the relationships between preschool-aged children's and their parents' physiological stress measured via hair cortisol concentration, stress, and parenting behavior in a sample of 3-5 year old children and their parents. There may also be opportunities for assistance with other studies in the lab.

Position: Research Assistant (RA) position in the CAM Lab for the Hair Cortisol, Stress, & Parenting Behavior Study. RAs can receive course credit or volunteer. This is an in-person position at the University of Louisville.

Time Commitment:
- At least two semesters required; one full year commitment (including summer when feasible) preferred
- 10 hours per week
- Potential for some evening and/or weekend hours to accommodate participants' schedules

Semester(s) position is available: New positions available starting Fall 2024

Location of work: Child Anxiety and Mood (CAM) Lab in Davidson Hall at the University of Louisville, with potential for work in the community within 5-10 miles of campus.

Required and Preferred Experience and Information:
- Interest in psychological research with children and families
- Detail-oriented, hard-working, culturally sensitive, responsible, and compassionate
- Skilled in written and oral communication
- Ability to work well independently and with others
- Two contacts (at least one psychology professor) who can provide brief professional references upon request
- *Preferred:* Experience (professional or personal) working with children and/or families
- *Preferred:* Experience (professional or personal) working with racially and ethnically diverse populations
- *Preferred:* GPA of 3.0 or higher
- *Preferred:* Coursework in statistics, research methods, child development, and/or psychopathology

Specific tasks: Tasks will vary by semester, but may include communication with participants (recruitment and scheduling); collecting hair samples from children and parents; coding videos of young children's emotions and behaviors and parent/child interactions; data entry and management; and literature searches.

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Application: Please complete the application at https://redcap.link/CAMLabHairCortisolStudy
Applications will be reviewed through August 30th or until positions are filled.