The Developmental Mechanisms Program directed by Dr. Laurie Wakschlag in the Department of Medical Social Sciences at Northwestern University is seeking a Senior Research Study Coordinator. The Developmental Mechanisms Program conducts research at the intersection of developmental and clinical science spanning the prenatal period-early childhood. This program of research aims to characterize developmental patterning of early self-regulation and language, and their interface, as indicators of early life risk for delay and/or clinical risk along with mapping the influence of the prenatal environment in these pathways. Multiple state-of-the-art, developmentally sensitive methods are used for sensitive, in-depth characterization of these pathways. The position will join a dynamic, interdisciplinary team.

The Senior Research Study Coordinator will support the Promoting Healthy Brains Project (PHBP): Wellness for 2 Study (PI Dr. Laurie Wakschlag), part of Lurie Children’s Hospital Strategic Research Initiative on Perinatal Origins of Childhood Disease. PHBP is the first randomized clinical trial of prenatal stress reduction designed to improve neurodevelopmental health in the first years of a child’s life. This is tested via a randomized controlled trial (n = 100) of a technology and mindfulness enhanced prenatal stress-reduction intervention (Mothers and Babies; MB). Clinical research experience and training in behavioral assessment of infants and toddlers is strongly preferred. This is an excellent position for professionals in the area of research management and for individuals interested in gaining in-depth research experience in preparation for graduate school.

Both positions require:

- Experience with study coordination, such as
  - Participant scheduling and payment
  - IRB /regulatory
  - Recruitment/retention of diverse children & families,
  - Staff supervision and/or development of standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- Training in child development, psychology, neuroscience, or a related field
- Training/experience with diverse families and young children
- Professional style to include high attention to detail, ability to communicate well and to work well in a fast paced, team environment
- Availability to work some evening and weekend hours

To apply for either position, please send to Dr. Renee Edwards (renee.edwards@northwestern.edu) the following:

- a cover letter describing qualifications and interest in the position along
- a resume
- contact information for three references (to be contacted for finalists)

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