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Co-PI Opportunity for Health Care Utilization RCT

The Colorado Lab seeks to identify a researcher at a Colorado institute of higher education to serve as a co-principal investigator for an evaluation that will assess the impact of the Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE) process on caregiver well-being and preventative health care use.

The Co-PI responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, contributing to the development of the analysis plan, leading the identification of the health care data elements and data request process (All-Payer Claims Database), and analyzing impacts of the TCARE process. The Colorado Lab will serve as the primary liaison to the partner organizations (Colorado Department of Human Services, Easter Seals, and Area Agencies on Aging) including, but not limited to, the randomization processes and communication of findings. Applicants must have experience with the All-Payer Claims Database and health care utilization in Colorado. This opportunity will be set up as a subcontract to the Co-PI's institute of higher education.

Project will start as soon as possible and continue until February of 2021. Please contact Elysia Clemens (elysia.clemens@du.edu) as soon as possible and no later than May 15, 2019.

Consultant Opportunity for a Behavioral Economist

The Colorado Lab is supporting an RCT by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) for a county-based voluntary child abuse and neglect prevention program. As part of their effort to standardize the intervention, the state has hired a communications expert to design appealing outreach materials for the target population of caregivers who have been called in to the child abuse hotline but are “screened out” because there isn’t sufficient evidence to investigate.

CDHS would like to contract with a behavioral economist to review the materials developed by the communications expert and make recommendations for improvement based on behavioral insights. Materials would include a short script for initial outreach by phone, a brochure and/or door hanger for initial outreach by home visit, and three letters for use at different stages. This will be a fixed fee, independent contract agreement for up to \$5,000 and take place over the next three months.

Please contact Kristin Klopfenstein (Kristin.Klopfenstein@du.edu) as soon as possible and no later than May 15, 2019.

Awards for Manuscript Co-Author Opportunity

Congratulations to Drs. Jeffrey Lin, Apryl Alexander, Jennifer Tippett, and Tracy Vozar at the University of Denver who received awards to co-author manuscripts on *Youth Who Ran Away from Home and Their Criminal Charges Within the Next Year*.

Apply to Join CARAN

For all Colorado Lab project opportunities, preference is given to Colorado Applied Research and Action Network (CARAN) senior fellows. To learn more and apply, click [HERE](#).

We are actively recruiting fellows with experience in either health care costs or behavioral economics.

Register to Attend the CARAN Summer Institute

Join CARAN on June 12, 2019 for a full-day institute on designing research for action.

The **goal** of the institute is to move your research agenda beyond fulfilling gaps in the literature to **driving social or health policy and practice**.

This CARAN Institute will focus on strategies to tailor your research questions, analyses, and timeline to match the priorities of executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government – so that your research is designed for action!

Registration ends May 1. Read more and sign up at the link below.

[Read More and Register](#)

Upcoming Request for Proposals

A new funding opportunity will be announced in early May!

Upcoming News & Events

May Release.....**New Funding Opportunity - Request for Proposal**
June 12.....**CARAN Summer Institute**

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