



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
CHILD STUDY CENTER

PER DIEM INTERVIEWERS

The NYU Child Study Center (CSC), an independent outpatient clinical and research center of the NYU School of Medicine, seeks a highly organized, motivated individuals to serve as a per diem interviewers on a large-scale, school-based intervention to improve the physical and mental health of middle-school students with asthma.

Responsibilities: interview students and parents in small groups at schools in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx. Interviews are held Monday through Thursday, and Saturdays. Weekday interviews begin at 2:30 and end at 6, 7 or 8 PM depending on the day and school; Saturday interviews begin at 9 or 10 and end at 12 or 1. Interviewers are needed from **March 7th to mid-April**. Salary depends on experience.

Nature of the Study: Using a randomized control design, we are evaluating the efficacy of a family-focused, school-based intervention to teach 11- to 14-year-olds with asthma and their caregivers to successfully manage the illness by improving family relations and asthma management skills. The intervention, based on social-cognitive theory and family-systems theories, consists of two complementary components: (a) a school-based curriculum to empower middle school students to manage their asthma and (b) a parent training curriculum to teach caregivers childrearing skills that support the youth's growing autonomy and need to self-manage the disease. Students and caregivers will meet weekly in their respective groups for up to 6 weeks and individually with project assistants or group leaders for make-up sessions as needed. The study is significant because it is among the first to evaluate the impact of asthma education and group support to 11- to 14-year-olds and it is the first to couple such youth groups with parent training strategies to enhance parent-child relations as a means of improving asthma management.

This position is funded by the National Institutes of Health for five years. We will have full-time job openings for this fall and the Fall of 2008. Per diem interviewers interested in these positions will have first priority for the full-time positions.

Interested candidates should email a resume to **Lynne Unikel, Ph.D.** at perdieminterviewer@yahoo.com.

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