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### Data Collectors, temporary New York State

Seeking 5-10 temporary data collectors for a study based in the Division of Prevention and Health Behavior in the Department of Public Health at Weill Cornell Medical College. The division's research focuses on identifying behavioral risk factors for major chronic diseases such as cancer and cardiovascular disease, and developing and evaluating intervention strategies to prevent these health problems. The data collection position is open to qualified undergraduate and graduate students with the desire to learn more about the field of drug abuse prevention research in an academic setting. The position can be used for course credit and/or for pay.

We are currently conducting an NIH-funded study examining the widespread dissemination, adoption, implementation and sustained utilization of a school-based prevention program administered in middle schools. The prevention program is the *Life Skills Training* (LST) program, a rigorously tested substance use prevention program identified as an exemplary model program by multiple federal agencies and currently the most widely disseminated evidence-based prevention program of its kind.

Data collectors will work independently to collect survey data from local middle school classrooms, provide instructions to students, answer questions about completing the survey, collect pulse oximeter readings, ensure confidentiality of survey responses, etc. Previous experience in data collection methods is highly desirable. Ideal candidates must be able to work independently, work with middle school students, have a driver's license and a car, and be willing to travel. Schedule is flexible but candidates must be available a minimum of one full weekday during normal school hours (7AM-3PM). Mileage will be reimbursed, and a portion of travel time will be paid.

Opportunities available in the following New York State counties:

**Long Island:** Suffolk

**Hudson Valley:** Greene, Orange, Rockland, and Westchester

**North Country and Central New York:** Herkimer, Lewis, and Onondaga

**Southern Tier:** Broome, Chenango, and Delaware

**Western New York:** Niagara, Erie, Allegany, and Ontario

We are looking for highly motivated individuals who are effective communicators, well-organized, and have strong problem-solving skills. Good computer skills are important, such as familiarity with spreadsheets and database management (Excel and Access). Applicants should be undergraduate or graduate students. Previous research experience in public health, sociology, psychology, education, or a related field is a plus. The position pays \$10.50/hour for 30+ hours through the spring 2012. Please send a resume, a description of your qualifications, along with names and contact information of three references, to Anna Araiza, Project Manager at [ALA2017@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ALA2017@med.cornell.edu). No telephone calls please. WCMC is an equal opportunity employer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Araiza".

**Anna Araiza, MPH**

Project Manager

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