

**POSITION TITLE:** Child Maltreatment - 6 Open Rank Tenure/Tenure-Track Positions

**EMPLOYER:** Pennsylvania State University

**LOCATION (City, State):** University Park, PA

**WEBSITE:**

<http://www.ssri.psu.edu/thenetwork/news/job-postings/penn-state-university-child-maltreatment-cluster-hire/view>

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## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

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The Departments of Biobehavioral Health, Human Development and Family Studies, Pediatrics, and Psychology, in conjunction with the Children, Youth and Family Consortium (CYFC) at The Pennsylvania State University, announce six tenure track positions in child maltreatment as part of the our University's recently launched Network on Child Protection and Well-Being, [www.ssri.psu.edu/thenetwork](http://www.ssri.psu.edu/thenetwork). We will hire one or more faculty members in each of these four departments whose research interests and expertise fit within the broad area of child maltreatment (position descriptions below). Penn State is committed to building our academic mission in this important area and will hire up to twelve new faculty members over the next three years. The cluster hire will build on our faculty's long tradition of excellence in the area of children, youth and families, including in our academic departments as well as the four foundational Centers of the Network: the Child Study Center, [csc.psych.psu.edu](http://csc.psych.psu.edu), in the College of the Liberal Arts, the Center for Children and the Law, [http://law.psu.edu/academics/research\\_centers/children\\_and\\_the\\_law](http://law.psu.edu/academics/research_centers/children_and_the_law), in the Penn State Dickinson School of Law, the Center for the Protection of Children, [www.pennstatehershey.org/web/protection-of-children](http://www.pennstatehershey.org/web/protection-of-children), in the Penn State Hershey College of Medicine, and the Prevention Research Center, <http://www.prevention.psu.edu> in the College of Health and Human Development.

Our expectation is that new hires will work actively to build a powerful inter-disciplinary community of scholars and practitioners focused on understanding the causes and course of child maltreatment and designing, implementing, evaluating, and disseminating novel, evidence-based approaches to prevention, detection, intervention and therapy for children at risk and victims of child maltreatment. Salaries are competitive, commensurate with background and experience. An attractive benefits package is available as are startup funds to support the applicant's research program. Review of applications and nominations will begin immediately, and will continue to be accepted until the positions are filled. We encourage applications from individuals of diverse backgrounds. We encourage applicants to review all six positions and consider applying to all those that are of interest.

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**Biobehavioral Health**, The Pennsylvania State University. The Department of Biobehavioral Health (BBH; <http://bbh.hhdev.psu.edu>) in the College of Health and Human Development invites applications for an open rank tenure-track faculty position. The position is part of the Children, Youth and Family Consortium (CYFC) cluster hire in Child Maltreatment and will be co-funded by the CYFC. The successful candidate should have an ongoing research program on the physiological sequelae of child/adolescent maltreatment, with a special focus on the neurobiological processes and health consequences in individuals exposed to early maltreatment. We are particularly interested in scholars who use innovative methodologies to

assess neural and/or other biological processes associated with child maltreatment and that apply their findings in translational and/or clinical research settings.

This individual will have access to research facilities including the Department's shared Biomarker Core Lab (BCL), the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), the Social Science Research Institute (<http://www.ssri.psu.edu/>), the Social, Life, and Engineering Sciences Imaging Center (SLEIC; <http://www.imaging.psu.edu/about>), the Methodology Center, and the Huck Institutes for the Life Sciences. Opportunities for collaboration also exist across the College and University with multiple academic units (e.g., Human Development and Family Studies, Psychology, School of Nursing, Hershey Medical Center, Biology) and centers within the emergent Network on Child Protection and Well-Being. The position involves teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Applicants should have a strong record of scholarly research commensurate with their experience, and will be expected to either possess or establish a record of external research funding, and to engage in professional service. The Department of Biobehavioral Health is comprised of a transdisciplinary faculty studying the intersection of biological, behavioral, social/cultural, and environmental factors involved in health across the life span. The successful applicant will have an earned doctorate in Neuroscience, Psychology, Biology or related discipline and evidence of strong scholarly accomplishments.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. To apply, send a cover letter describing research and teaching interests and experiences, curriculum vitae, names of three professional references, and supporting materials (e.g. reprints, preprints) to: Carol Brytczuk at [cdb12@psu.edu](mailto:cdb12@psu.edu) or Ms. Carol Brytczuk, The Pennsylvania State University, Biobehavioral Health Department, 219 Biobehavioral Health Building, University Park, PA 16802. Please indicate "Child Maltreatment – BBH search" in the subject line of email correspondence.

Employment will require successful completion of background check(s) in accordance with University policies. Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity and the diversity of its workforce.

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**Human Development and Family Studies**, Pennsylvania State University. The Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS; [www.hhdev.psu.edu/HDFS](http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/HDFS)) in the College of Health and Human Development invites applications for an open rank tenure-track or tenured faculty member whose research focuses on the prevention of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, violence and other forms of maltreatment. We are particularly interested in hiring someone whose research focuses on the development and testing of novel approaches to reducing risk or enhancing protection for child maltreatment that target individual, family and/or community/societal processes. Applicants should demonstrate a clear program of research, strong publication record, and the potential to obtain external funding. Responsibilities include teaching both undergraduate and graduate level courses as well as directing theses/dissertations. An earned doctorate in the behavioral or social sciences and the promise of outstanding scholarly accomplishments are required.

Rated by the U.S. News and World Report as one of the top developmental science programs in the country, the Department of Human Development and Family Studies administers graduate, undergraduate, and research programs focused on individual development from infancy to old age, on family structure and dynamics, and on the impact of social/cultural contexts on

development and family functioning. Two hallmarks of the program's research and graduate training are a focus on sophisticated methods for the analysis of change over time and the design and evaluation of intervention methods to promote development. The Department's multidisciplinary faculty includes expertise in development across the life span, social-affective neuroscience, clinical and health psychology, sociology, demography, education, and methodology. The successful candidate would be an affiliate of the Prevention Research Center (PRC; <http://www.prevention.psu.edu/>), whose research projects range from etiologic studies to large-scale translation trials, examining how families, schools, and communities can work together to promote healthy lifestyles for children, youth, and families.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. To apply, send a letter of application, statements of research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae, at least three letters of recommendation, and selected supporting material (e.g. reprints, preprints) to drb7@psu.edu. If unable to submit electronically, mail to Dr. Douglas Teti, Child Search Committee, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, 315 Health and Human Development East, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802. For more information, contact Douglas Teti, dmt16@psu.edu. Please indicate "Child Maltreatment – HDFs search" in subject line of email correspondence.

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**The Department of Pediatrics, Penn State Hershey Medical Center/Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital**, <http://www.pennstatehershey.org/web/childrens/home>, invites applications for an open rank faculty position (tenured, tenure-eligible, or non-tenure-track) for a board-certified/eligible child abuse pediatrician to develop evidence-based initiatives and create new knowledge regarding the diagnosis, management, and prevention of child abuse. Applicants should have excellent clinical skills, a strong professional track record in research, and the ability to work collaboratively with others. This clinician-researcher will be expected to provide direct clinical care to children who have been maltreated; be an active participant in the education of pediatric residents, fellows, and faculty; as well as collaborate with other Penn State faculty on projects involving the assessment, treatment, and study of children who have been victims of abuse.

This full-time position is intended to promote interdisciplinary work with faculty associated with Penn State's Network for Child Protection and Well-Being, and to help Penn State Hershey's Center for the Protection of Children ([www.pennstatehershey.org/web/protection-of-children/](http://www.pennstatehershey.org/web/protection-of-children/)) develop clinical services to better meet the needs of children who have been abused. The successful candidate will have a M.D. or D.O.; be American Board of Pediatrics board-certified or board-eligible in child abuse; and have valid clinical licensure. The Penn State Hershey Medical Center is Central Pennsylvania's only academic medical center, and the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the nation's best.

Review of applications and nominations will begin immediately and continue to be accepted until the position is filled. Please send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and supporting

information (reprints, preprints, license, letters from three references and child abuse clearances) to: To apply, send a letter of application, statements of research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae, at least three letters of recommendation, and selected supporting material (e.g. reprints, preprints) to pverdon@hmc.psu.edu. If unable to submit electronically, mail to Dr. Benjamin Levi, Child Abuse Pediatrician Search Committee, Department of Pediatrics, Mail Code H085, 500 University Dr. Hershey, PA 17033. The Penn State Children's Hospital and Milton S. Hershey Medical Center are Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employers and Educators.

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**The Department of Pediatrics, Penn State Hershey Medical Center/Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital**, <http://www.pennstatehershey.org/web/childrens/home>, invites applications for an open rank faculty position (tenured, tenure-eligible, or non-tenure-track) for a practitioner/scientist in clinical child psychology to develop evidence-based initiatives and create new knowledge regarding therapeutic interventions for children who have been abused. Applicants should have expertise in evidence-based interventions (e.g., trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, parent-child interaction therapy), and have extensive experience collaborating with both medical professionals and community service providers to address the psychological needs of children. This scientist/practitioner will be expected to provide direct clinical care to children who have been maltreated; be an active participant in the education of pediatric residents, fellows, and faculty regarding psychological aspects of child maltreatment; as well as collaborate with other Penn State faculty on projects involving the assessment, treatment, and study of children who have been victims of abuse. This full-time position is explicitly intended to promote interdisciplinary work with faculty associated with Penn State's Network for Child Protection and Well-Being, and to help Penn State Hershey's Center for the Protection of Children (<http://www.pennstatehershey.org/web/protection-of-children/>) establish a base for developing a comprehensive program to address the psychological needs of children who have been abused. The successful candidate will have a PhD or PsyD in clinical or counseling psychology from an American Psychological Association-approved program; valid clinical licensure; and a minimum of two (2) years post-doctoral clinical experience.

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**Psychology**, The Pennsylvania State University. The Department of Psychology in the College of the Liberal Arts (<http://psych.la.psu.edu/>) announces two (2) open rank tenure line faculty positions to start in Fall, 2013. For one position, we seek a candidate with research focused on

the dynamics of child maltreatment from a biobehavioral perspective, with a strong preference for candidates who take a developmental psychopathology approach. Possible areas of research include (but are not limited to) the impact of trauma exposure on child, adolescent, or later adult neurobiological, physiological, social-emotional, or cognitive functioning. Also of interest is research on the context of maltreatment, including child and parenting factors, family dynamics, or community risks associated with the perpetration of maltreatment and/or affecting the impact of trauma exposure. For the other position, we seek a candidate engaged in translational research focused on preventive or therapeutic interventions for children, parents, and/or adults affected by child maltreatment. Possible areas of research include (but are not limited to) parent- or family-focused interventions designed to treat or prevent maltreatment, or trauma-focused treatments designed to address and diminish the consequences of being a victim of child maltreatment. Also of interest is research designed to improve the use of evidence-based intervention strategies by service agencies, or to explore innovations in intervention approaches and delivery strategies. We will seek faculty members who are interested in and committed to participating in an inter-disciplinary community of scholars at Penn State contributing to the mission of the new PSU Network on Child Protection and Well-being. These positions will be supported by the Child Study Center (CSC; [csc.psych.psu.edu](http://csc.psych.psu.edu)), which is housed in the Department of Psychology and functions as a university-wide translational research center, supporting advances in developmental science aimed at promoting positive educational, health, and mental health outcomes for children, adolescents, and families. Strong collaborative links exist with the other centers that form the new network, as well as with the PSU Psychological Clinic and satellite centers in urban areas throughout the state. Candidates should submit a letter of application, statements of research and teaching interests, a CV, at least three letters of recommendation, and selected (p)reprints electronically to [www.la.psu.edu/facultysearch/](http://www.la.psu.edu/facultysearch/). If unable to submit electronically, mail to Child Maltreatment Search Committee - Department of Psychology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802. Complete applications will be reviewed as they are received until the position is filled. For more information, contact Karen Bierman ([kb2@psu.edu](mailto:kb2@psu.edu)).

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