



Job Announcement

The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at Indiana University in Bloomington is seeking a **part time Research Assistant** position for the Early Childhood Center. The Early Childhood Center is dedicated to improving early intervention and educational services that result in positive outcomes for all young children, ages birth through kindergarten, and their families.

This position's primary role involves examining current child and family assessment practices and make recommendations concerning needed improvements to reflect best practices and First Steps' commitment to LifeCourse principles and the adoption of the Family Guided Routines Based Intervention (FGRBI) model. This role included doing research, speaking to assessment team members and service coordinators to gather feedback and help conduct trainings. This position will also assist in the development of online training modules to support implementation of recommended child and family assessment practices and protocols.

General Responsibilities

- Explore current Assessment Team and Family Assessment protocols and practices to identify strengths, challenges and needs of the teams
- Researching current developmental assessments and family assessment tools for use with infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families
- Conducting focus groups and interviews with First Steps Assessment Team members and Service Coordinators to gather information concerning current practices and needed changes
- Bringing First Steps stakeholders together to review the results of the literature review and analyses of current practices and make recommendations for improvement to First Steps leadership.
- Following final decisions on the assessment tools/practices to be adopted, developing a series on online modules for training Assessment Team members and Service Coordinators.

Qualifications

- Master's degree in early intervention (early childhood special education, speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social work).
- Extensive knowledge and experience working in the field of early intervention and services for young children with disabilities and their families.
- Documented experience in completing developmental assessments with young children with a disability and their families.
- Experience working collaboratively with multiple disciplines and representatives of community/state agencies.

- Ability to effectively communicate and exchange information with a wide diversity of individuals.

Bloomington, Indiana

Remote work arrangements are possible for this position.

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For questions about this position please contact Janet Ballard at jaeball@indiana.edu.