

Center for Home Care Policy & Research (CHCPR)
Visiting Nurse Service of New York
Research Analyst/Project Coordinator

The Center for Home Care Policy and Research (CHCPR) at VNSNY seeks a part-time Research Analyst/Project Coordinator to work on two different projects housed in the Center:

- 1) AdvantAge Initiative Online (AIO)
- 2) Community Innovations for Aging in Place Initiative (CIAIP)

1) AdvantAge Initiative Online

The AdvantAge Initiative began in 1999 with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies, the Hartford Foundation, the Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation, and the Retirement Research Foundation. The Initiative is a data-driven community development project that helps communities measure their elder-friendliness and develop strategies to sustain older residents' independence and allow them to "age in place." To date, the AI survey has been implemented in 30 communities and in the entire state of Indiana; a national survey was also conducted.

Recently, the AI team transformed the AI questionnaire into an online based tool. The online version allows many more communities to access the AI survey because it costs considerably less to conduct than a telephone survey and allows organizations to target and market the survey to their key constituents and, in the process, "build community." AI worked with an online survey research company to program the initial surveys and automated reports, and subsidized four communities to pilot test the online survey. These communities include: 1) two rural counties in northeastern California; 2) Georgetown, Texas (which includes Sun City); 3) the Chelsea and Hell's Kitchen/Clinton neighborhoods in Manhattan; and 4) the Franklin Square housing complex in Manhattan's East Harlem neighborhood. These projects are in different stages of completion.

Responsibilities for this project:

Overall management of the AIO project and serving as the point person for communities implementing the survey. The Research Analyst will work with communities to customize the AI survey to their specific needs. Once finalized, s/he will program it into the online survey tool, monitor responses and provide updates while the survey is open, and provide some basic reporting of the data (mostly produced by the survey tool) to communities. Any technical issues need to be coordinated with the company that hosts the survey tool, as well as contracts and contract extensions. As needed, report writing to funding agencies.

2) Community Innovations for Aging in Place Initiative

The Community Innovations for Aging in Place Initiative (CIAIP) was authorized by Congress in the 2006 reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA) to assist communities in their efforts to enable older adults to sustain their independence and age in place in their homes and communities. There are currently 14 grantees across the country. CHCPR provides training and technical assistance to CIAIP grantees to assist them in their efforts to help older community residents age in place.

Responsibilities for this project:

The Research Analyst's work on this project involves assisting with dissemination of information to grantees, updating the website, planning conference calls and training webinars, and any related activities as needed.

This is a 2.5 or 3/day a week position. The right candidate would be hired as a per diem employee for approximately 6 months. If additional funding is received, this could turn into a full-time position.

The candidate needs to have good organization and writing skills and experience in coordinating/managing projects. Technical savvy and some background or experience with surveys and/or an online survey tool highly preferred. Having good communication skills is essential, because much of the work involves dealing with lead organizations in the communities that are contracting with us. Patience helps too!

For more info about the AdvantAge Initiative, go to www.advantageinitiative.org. For information on CIAIP, go to: www.ciaip.org.

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