

## Senior and Junior full-time research positions

### Contribute to high-quality mental health services for children and youth through research, systematic reviews, and dissemination

We are seeking to fill two full-time research positions, one senior and one junior appointment. Both positions will be on a 3-year contract initially, but with opportunities for renewal.

The Centre for Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Eastern and Southern Norway (**RBUP**) is a leading organization in the field of child and adolescent mental health. RBUP conducts and disseminates research and delivers professional training to practitioners. Through our scientific efforts, educational programs and dissemination, we are bettering the quality and expanding the knowledge-base of mental health services for children and their families in Norway.

RBUP delivers research-based knowledge to policymakers and professionals in the field of child and adolescent mental health. We wish to strengthen these efforts by creating a small, efficient team that will be responsible for summarizing research and developing systematic reviews, particularly on the effects of mental health initiatives. An important part of this work will involve collaborations with other related institutions, such as The Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services (Nasjonalt kunnskapssenter for helsetjenesten) and appropriate international organizations. The team will have expertise in meta-analytic methods and systematic review techniques and be familiar with services for children and youth. The team will also include librarians and a statistician.

The position as senior researcher will have advising responsibilities toward colleagues and will plan, carry out, and monitor the effective production of systematic reviews and meta-analyses. We wish to facilitate an academic liaison to a university or college for professorial faculty. The junior researcher will participate in the development of systematic reviews, disseminate research results to various stakeholders (decision makers, researchers, professionals, etc.), and work together with the Health library (Helsebiblioteket, an online reference site). Both researchers will be expected to do some teaching, but they will also have the opportunity to shape their own positions.

The positions are suitable for people who wish to have an impact on the contents and quality of child and adolescent mental health services. This is will be achieved by working toward empirically supported policies and by assisting professionals to make use of available knowledge relevant to their work.

#### Responsibilities:

- Development of systematic reviews
- Management and dissemination of relevant research-based knowledge

#### Qualifications:

- Appropriate social science or health-related education
- Doctoral level research competence
- Methodological skills in meta-analyses (or other advanced skills in other methods and an interest in learn how to perform meta-analyses)
- Good writing and communicative skills
- English proficiency

#### Advantages:

- Experience from the practice field, educational institutions and/or administrative agencies
- Experience with performing systematic reviews and/or meta-analyses

#### Personal aptitude/skills:

- Collaborative competence, both with co-workers and with decision/policy makers
- Initiative and responsibility
- Ability to represent the organization externally, including meeting with funders, attending relevant events and committees, networki etc.

#### Employment conditions:

- Fulltime
- Number of positions available: 2

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**Deadline for applications:** 06/26/2011

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