HEALTH SERVICES/HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCIENTIST

Organization Summary
The Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition (GSCN) is a non-profit research and evaluation organization providing scientific expertise and partnership in the key public health areas of healthy eating, active living, food insecurity, nutrition-related policy advocacy, and health equity. GSCN specializes in the development and implementation of programmatic and research evaluations, utilizing mixed methods, quasi-experimental, and experimental approaches, appropriately tailored for measuring changes that occur through policy, systems, and environmental interventions. GSCN works nationally by providing research and evaluation services to communities, non-profits, academic and government institutions, and policy makers. For more information about the Center, please visit www.centerfornutrition.org.

Job Summary
The Health Services/Health Policy Research Scientist leads and/or provides oversight for all scientific aspects of research and evaluation projects, specifically related to produce prescription programs and food is medicine interventions, including proposal development and research design, defining target population, identifying data needed, measurement tool development, data collection, data analysis, and deliverable development (for both peer-reviewed literature and reports, tools, and briefs to be disseminated in other ways). Specifically, the Research Scientist will have experience in health policy and/or health services research, working with electronic medical record (EMR/EHR) data for public health evaluations, and clinical healthcare outcome evaluations, especially related to healthcare utilization and costs. Expertise in quantitative research design and appropriate measures for healthcare-oriented evaluations is required. The Research Scientist will also be involved in scientific and academic activities, such as developing manuscripts and conference presentations.

Job Duties and Responsibilities
- Lead and/or provide oversight for all scientific aspects of research and evaluation projects related to produce prescription programs, food is medicine interventions, and other health services and healthcare research.
- Generate new projects by developing and submitting grant applications and RFP proposals.
- Initiate and maintain partner relationships, including relationships with health system partners, funders, and clients.
- Develop project workplans that include research designs, participants, data elements, measurement tools, and deliverables.
- Review comprehensive project plans to ensure alignment with workplans.
- Oversee the development of measurement tools by participating in planning sessions, reviewing tools, and providing final sign-off.
- Oversee the acquisition and compliant handling of data from third parties, including data subject to HIPAA standards.
- Ensure the integrity of sampling and data collection efforts.
- Support the analysis of data by conducting analyses and reviewing all quantitative output for accuracy.
- Oversee the development of project deliverables by participating in storyboarding sessions, creating outlines, and reviewing drafts.
- Provide guidance and feedback to work team members on project plans, measurement tools, data collection, data analysis, and deliverables.
- Contribute to scientific knowledge by developing, submitting, and delivering conference presentations and publishing manuscripts.
- Maintain a working knowledge of significant developments and trends in nutrition- and health services/policy-related fields, especially produce prescription programs, food is medicine interventions, and healthcare-related nutrition policy (e.g., CMS/state Medicaid policy).
- Serve in advisory roles for students and junior staff.

Preferred Qualifications
- Doctoral (or Medical) degree in nutrition, public health, health services/health policy research, or similar health-related field.
- Completion of a postdoctoral fellowship and at or above the comparable level of Assistant Professor; preferably focused on behavioral nutrition, health services, or public health.
- Skilled in program evaluation; experience evaluating nutrition-related programs - especially produce prescription programs and healthcare and health services research.
- Experience/expertise in value-based healthcare delivery models.
- Strong interpersonal skills; experience collaborating and communicating with clients and funders.
- Proficient in quantitative research methods and data analysis.
- Familiarity working with healthcare-related data, including EHR/EMR data extraction, data management, and analysis.
- Strong leadership skills; experience leading projects or people.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills; history of scientific presentations and peer-reviewed publications.
- Proficient in data collection and analysis tools such as Qualtrics, SPSS, and/or SAS or related programs.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint).
Salary
Commensurate with experience. Competitive benefits package provided.

Job Type
This is a full-time, remote position.

Travel
This position will include local and national travel for client visits, conference attendance, and other research and academic activities.

How to Apply
To apply, please send a research statement, CV, contact information for three references, and one sample publication to Dr. Amy Yaroch, Executive Director at ayaroch@centerfornutrition.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

The Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and inclusion.