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HEALTH SCIENCES
Psychiatry & Behavioural
Neurosciences

Research Work

The Family Violence Research Program has several ongoing projects, which are focused on approaches to reducing child maltreatment and intimate partner violence and associated impairment. There is a large project, VEGA (Violence Evidence Guidance Action), which involves the development of pan-Canadian guidance and a curriculum for health and social service providers on recognizing and responding safely to family violence. VEGA and other projects often have smaller subprojects as part of an overall program of research. For example, within VEGA, one research project is examining medical students' perceptions of the family violence education they receive in their undergraduate programs. The Family Violence Research Program includes projects involving both quantitative and/or qualitative research. There are ongoing systematic reviews as well as projects addressing questions about the epidemiology of family violence, based on secondary data analyses of large datasets such as the Ontario Child Health Study. Family Violence Research Program meetings are held monthly and all students and trainees are welcome. (Pizza is served, so we ask that attendees RSVP. This is a forum in which residents can learn firsthand about opportunities for research that arise throughout the academic year.

Engagement Opportunities

Introductory Level

- Extract data from articles for systematic reviews
- Transcribe data from qualitative interviews
- Prepare an oral presentation suitable for the Family Violence Research Program
- *Time commitments vary between 20 and 50 hours depending on extent of involvement*

Intermediate Level

- Conduct interviews with participants
- Assist with a systematic review including writing part of a manuscript
- Conduct the literature review for the introduction to a manuscript and assist in writing the introduction
- *Time commitments for above vary between 20 and 60 hours depending on extent of involvement*

Advanced Level

- Lead or be second author on a systematic review
- Lead or be second author on a study that involves secondary analysis
- Take the lead in writing the introduction of a manuscript
- *Time commitments for above vary between 30 and 80 hours depending on extent of involvement*

If you are interested in learning more, please leave your contact information with the Research Office and/or contact Harriet MacMillan (macmilnh@mcmaster.ca).