



Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth

Graduate Student Researchers Needed

Project Location: Seattle, WA; specifically, the Rainier Beach neighborhood located in Southeast Seattle

Project Timeline: July—August 2016 approx. (minimum 15 hours/week)

Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth (ABSPY) is an innovative, community-based youth violence prevention initiative to reduce youth victimization and crime in the Rainier Beach neighborhood of Seattle. An additional goal of the initiative is to improve relations between youth, the police, and the community. ABSPY engages community residents and other stakeholders in problem analysis of long-term “hot spots” (single or small groups of street blocks) for youth victimization and crime and the identification and implementation of non-arrest interventions. The City of Seattle is partnering with the Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy (CEBCP) and George Mason University (GMU) to assess the impact of interventions through a two-level quasi-experimental evaluation.

Primary Responsibilities: Under the guidance of Barb Biondo, Project Coordinator, and researchers from the CEBCP, the graduate student researchers will conduct in-person interviews with residents and other stakeholders at selected street blocks to assess feelings of safety, collective efficacy and community cohesion. Responses will be recorded on paper, so no special technology is required. CEBCP researchers will provide training and technical assistance support.

Qualifications:

Required: Masters/PhD student in criminology, sociology, social work/policy, or a related discipline; has taken at least one research methods class; 18+ years old; able to walk 3 miles per day; excellent organizational, communication, and teamwork skills; ability to comfortably interact with the public; ability to work evenings and weekends as well as during the week; eligible to work in the U.S. and able to pass a background check; complete Institutional Review Board (IRB) Basic Course for Social and Behavioral Research or present current certification; sign a confidentiality agreement. (IRB certification information will be provided during the application process)

Desired: Experience of conducting interviews, surveys, and/or qualitative fieldwork; supervisory, leadership, and/or teaching experience; ability to communicate in more than one language (especially Amharic, Oromo, Somali, Spanish, and/or Vietnamese).



Support provided: Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy will provide research instruments, training, supervisory support, and materials needed. Work space and access to wireless Internet, printer, and copier will be provided by the Seattle Neighborhood Group.

Compensation and benefits:

- Graduate researchers will be compensated at \$15-\$20 per hour depending on experience.
- A great opportunity to gain or enhance your field research experience.
- The chance to work in a new, one of a kind and innovated field experiment developed to enlist long term crime prevention efforts into the hands of the community.
- The opportunity to contribute and increase knowledge of criminological studies and field sampling techniques.

Additional information: The project is based on the research of David Weisburd of George Mason University and Hebrew University; *The Criminology of Place: Street Segments and Our Understanding of the Crime Problem* by Weisburd, Groff and Yang; Oxford University Press, 2012.

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To apply:

Submit resume including a copy of unofficial transcripts, and letter of interest by **June 27, 2016, 5:00PM Pacific Time** by email to:

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