



"The Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), Lexington Kentucky, is located on the original homeland of diverse Native peoples who arrived over 10,000 years ago. The most recent among them were the Shawnee. Today, Kentucky is still home to over 25,000 Native people representing scores of tribal groups. CHET recognizes the injustices Native peoples have endured. Through this statement, we hope to begin the long process of healing."

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CHET's Weekly Communication Digest

CHET Director and Core Faculty Member Awarded NCI T32 Award

Congratulations to Dr. Nancy Schoenberg, CHET Director, and Dr. Mark Dignan, CHET Core Faculty member, who were recently awarded a \$764,000 National Cancer Institute grant for "Addressing Rural cancer Inequities through Scientific Excellence (ARISE)" which is focused on preparing postdoctoral researchers to address cancer-related health disparities in Appalachian Kentucky.



ARISE co-directors Mark Dignan, Ph.D., and Nancy Schoenberg, Ph.D.

Dr. Schoenberg is co-directing the program with CHET Core Faculty member Dr. Mark Dignan, a professor in the College of Medicine's Department of Internal Medicine and co-leader of the Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program at Markey Cancer Center.

"ARISE is funded by a prestigious NCI Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award T32 grant, which support projects aimed at developing or enhancing research training opportunities for pre and postdoctoral fellows to be trained in cancer research. ARISE is unique among current T32 training programs for cancer prevention, control and survivorship, as few others focus on health equity among rural populations — and is the only T32 program to focus specifically on rural Appalachia."

You can read more about the award here: <https://uknow.uky.edu/research/new-uk-program-will-address-rural-cancer-health-disparities>

Congratulations Drs. Schoenberg and Dignan!

UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women (CRVAW) and CCTS Pilot Award

Deadline: November 29, 2021

Maximum award: \$50,000

Application: <https://www.ccts.uky.edu/funding-opportunities/2021-cctscrvaw->

The goal of the CCTS-CRVAW Pilot Program is to increase extramural funding at the University of Kentucky in areas of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, misconduct or harassment, other forms of interpersonal, family violence, or gun violence that disproportionately impact women, girls or sexual minority populations.

We are particularly interested in funding translational research with a violence intervention or prevention focus. Because violence often co-occurs with substance use and other threats to mental health, we welcome intervention or prevention projects that focus on these violence-related outcomes.

Newly Released Report Shows Racial Inequities Among Kentucky Children

"Minority children in Kentucky continue to face a slew of barriers that disproportionately affect their well-being, including living in families with markedly higher poverty rates, according to an annual report released Wednesday. Measuring four areas of welfare — economic security, education, family and community, and health — Kentucky Youth Advocates' 2021 KY Kids Count Data book examines whether outcomes for kids in the commonwealth have improved, worsened, or stayed the same year to year. The national data book released this summer from the Annie E. Casey Foundation ranked Kentucky 37th in the nation for overall child health outcomes."

You can read the full *Herald Leader* article [here](#)

You can view the full Kentucky Youth Advocates 2021 County Data Book [here](#)

The Center on Drug & Alcohol Research (CDAR) GRA Position

Deadline: December 1, 2021

Contact: Dr. Carrie Oser carrie.oser@uky.edu

CDAR is seeking a graduate research assistant for the Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN) project at the University of Kentucky. The UK JCOIN project is supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and led by Dr. Michele Staton (<https://uknow.uky.edu/research/uk-awarded-88-million-support-opioid-treatment-women-criminal-justice-settings>). This is an intervention study designed to increase women's access to opioid use disorder treatment as they transition from jail back to their community. The research assistant will work with JCOIN faculty and staff with completing administrative tasks, implementing the study, entering data, analyzing data (including egocentric social network data), and developing scholarly products (including co-authorship on presentations, abstracts, peer reviewed manuscripts).

Applicants from all disciplines, including social sciences, statistics, public health, biomedical informatics, business & economics, health policy, and others, are welcome. Individuals with expertise in egocentric (personal) social network analyses are preferred, but social network analyses experience is not required. This may be a part-time or full-time research assistantship (with tuition covered) and has a flexible start date as early as 1/1/22.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and CV to Carrie Oser, carrie.oser@uky.edu, by 12/1/21.

Collaboration Column

This weekly column provides space for any of our CHET affiliates to seek out involvement of others. We request that contributions be no more than 3 sentences and include contact

information.

If considered appropriate, contributions sent to chet@uky.edu by Thursday will be included in CHET's Friday digest. Contributions will be run twice, unless requested otherwise.

For more information, please contact the Communication Subcommittee via chet@uky.edu

Biostatistics and Research Design Core

To request a consultation with the CHET Biostatistics and Research Design Core, please click the following link: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GlfBA9n9aPOFlb

CHET Student and Trainee Listserv

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