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The Harris Program in Child Development and Infant Mental Health at the University of Colorado is pleased to announce the launch of the Community Fellowship Program for the 2019-2020 academic year. This new fellowship will offer qualified professionals scholarship supported access to advanced training in infant and early childhood mental health, regardless of their location within Colorado. Using remote learning technology, fellows will participate in a yearlong training program, while continuing to serve young children and families in their community. The training curriculum provides instruction on core topics within infant and early childhood mental health and aligns with competency guidelines for the Colorado Association for Infant Mental Health's Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Based Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health. Our goal is to support professionals across the state as they develop expertise in infant and early childhood mental health, provide high-quality clinical services, advocate on behalf of young children and families, and enhance the early childhood continuum of care.

Thanks to the generous support of Caring for Colorado Foundation, Community First Foundation, The Piton Foundation, The Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation, and Zoma Foundation, tuition scholarships are available for 10 community practitioners who meet program requirements and whose agencies do not have the financial resources to offset the fellowship tuition costs. Scholarships will be prioritized for applicants from agencies serving high-risk, vulnerable families of pregnant women, infants and young children in urban and rural areas, and we are actively seeking candidates who reflect the diversity of their community. Community fellowship positions are available for masters or doctoral level psychology, social work, counseling, and marriage and family mental health providers who are licensed or license-eligible with agency supervision. Community fellows are individuals seeking training in infant and early childhood mental health, while continuing their current jobs and participating in the Harris Community Fellowship on a part-time basis. Interested applicants must have a minimum of 3 years of experience working as a mental health professional with infants and very young children (birth to age 5).

Community fellows are required to commit to one full training day (Thursday) a week for seminars, supervision and other training activities. Community fellows must maintain an adequate clinical caseload of direct service with young children and their families to support supervision and case discussion in the didactic seminars. Community applicants will also need a commitment of appropriate "release time" from their agency duties to participate in the fellowship experience. Release time typically includes a reduction in caseload and/or administrative responsibilities, in addition to time to attend the full day of training each week. Finally, the applicant's agency will need to be in a position to collaborate with the Harris Community Fellowship faculty for consultation and technical assistance as negotiated, to assure the fellow's training translates into meaningful impact for the young children and families served.

To be considered to apply, please email a letter of interest to Betsy Rogers, LCSW, Kelly Glaze, PsyD and Stacey L'Hommedieu, describing your position, credentials, and goals for the fellowship of no more than 500 words. Additionally, please include a completed copy of the attached MOU signed by an agency representative with fiscal and administrative signing authority attesting to the agency's intent to release

the fellow from approximately 10– 12 hours/week of professional/clinical responsibilities and support the fellow and their activities during the training year. Letters received by June 28, 2019 will be prioritized.

If selected to apply, you will be sent a link to complete the full application package, which includes an application form, curriculum vitae/resume, and two recommendation letters. Recommendation letters are required from a direct supervisor and from a colleague familiar with your professional work. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled with priority given to applications submitted by July 14, 2019.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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