

Director of the Center for Social Measurement & Evaluation CHILDREN AT RISK - Houston

CHILDREN AT RISK is seeking an analytical, detail-oriented, and enthusiastic senior-level team member to direct the Center for Social Measurement & Evaluation (CSME) – the research arm of CHILDREN AT RISK. The individual will join a driven, dynamic, and motivated team working in the Center for Social Measurement and Evaluation.

Key responsibilities include:

- Plan and execute multiple research & data projects – including concept development, research design, data collection and analysis, and the development of recommendations.
- Lead a team of 3-5 staff members working on research & data projects.
- Support the development of research related proposals.
- Direction of the CHILDREN AT RISK Annual Texas School Rankings Project/*TexasSchoolGuide.org*
- Collaborate on project budget development and budget management.
- Lead the CHILDREN AT RISK Institute, a statewide collaborative of academic advisors.
- Coordinate the publication of two academic journals – *The Journal of Applied Research on Children* and *the Journal of Family Strengths*.
- Key partnership with the Center for Parenting & Family Well-Being/*SmartParents.org*
- Plan and coordinate outreach events, including developing budgets and timelines, coordinating venue logistics, developing a publicity strategy, recruiting speakers, etc.
- Participate as an active member of the senior leadership team to move the organization's priorities forward through strategic planning and partnerships.
- Build & maintain relationships with key stakeholders, including funders, elected officials, community leaders, and nonprofit colleagues.

About CHILDREN AT RISK

CHILDREN AT RISK is a Texas based active research and advocacy group dedicated to improving the quality of life of Texas' children through strategic research, public policy analysis, community education, and collaboration. Our focuses include strengthening public education, increasing access to evidence-based parent education, ending child trafficking, increasing access to school meal programs, and supporting new American children. CHILDREN AT RISK serves as a catalyst for change for some of Texas' most at risk children. We have offices in Houston, Dallas & Fort Worth.

Preferred Qualifications

- Master's Degree required
- 5 years of experience in data science, non-profit leadership, and/or education required
- Management experience preferred
- Research & data project management experience required
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills for both internal and external audiences
- Experience speaking and presenting to small and large groups
- Articulate, self-motivated person with interest in issues that affect children
- Strong critical thinking and analytical skills
- Strong ability to prioritize multiple tasks and attention to detail
- Ability to work independently/as a self-starter, as well as a team member
- A strong work ethic, a good sense of humor, an outgoing personality, and a zeal for relationship building are all considered a real plus for this position

- A history of commitment to children, research & data, innovative public policy, and macro-level change preferred

CHILDREN AT RISK is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, religion, ancestry, color, race, ethnicity or creed.

This position offers a competitive compensation and benefits package. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references **via e-mail** to Katie McConnell kmccconnell@childrenatrisk with “Director of CSME” in the subject line. The application deadline is rolling with applications being reviewed upon receipt. *CHILDREN AT RISK receives a high volume of resumes and reviews every candidate closely. As such, candidates will only be contacted if they are selected for an interview.*

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