

Environmental Health

The fellow would be working in the Healthy Housing and Environment Team, within the Division of Community, Family Health, and Equity, and would be involved in activities related to assessment and evaluation projects related to housing and children's environmental health. Leadership from the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and the Healthy Housing Steering Committee will provide support and guidance to the fellow.

Data available to the fellow will include:

- The Lead Program's lead screening, case management and environmental inspection database (Lead Elimination Surveillance System, "LESS") that contains program data since the early 1990s, and has complete lead screening data because of the mandate to report all lead screening data;
- Access to the KIDSNET database, the state's integrated child health information system that contains health data from public health programs and makes it accessible to primary care providers. Data from KIDSNET is easily accessible through routine internal procedures.
- Access to a variety of datasets that are already available in-house, that were requested and compiled for a variety of reasons. These datasets include Medicaid dataset, environmental health risks that are collected through the Family Outreach Program and other home visiting programs, low and moderate income housing and Certificates of Conformance issued to rental properties in compliance with the Lead Hazard Mitigation Law.

The assignments indicated below are priorities as determined by the leadership involved, which includes the primary and secondary supervisors, trained at the doctorate level and the public health epidemiologist. Completion of the assignments involves having a very close relationship with supervisors for guidance, support and consultation, and participation in interdisciplinary teams that include data managers, Information Technology experts, representatives from the Medicaid agency, managers and leadership from other programs like KIDSNET, and includes involvement in other support groups formed by epidemiologists, statisticians, data analysts, GIS specialists.

Assignment Location:

Providence, Rhode Island

Primary Mentor:

Peter Simon, MD, MPH
Medical Director
Rhode Island Department of Health

Advanced Degrees:

MD, State University of New York (1974)
MPH, Johns Hopkins (1976)

Secondary Mentor:

Robert Vanderslice, PhD
Healthy Environment Team Leader
Division of Community Health and Equity, Rhode
Island Department of Health

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Advanced Degrees:

PhD, North Carolina State University
Masters in Toxicology, North Carolina State
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