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**Intervention INC: Interactive Nutrition Comics for urban minority (Latino/Black) youth**

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**Study Description**

To develop and pilot test a human-centered, interactive, technology-enhanced nutrition comic intervention focused on reducing childhood obesity risk. Using an innovative narrative-based approach and participation of our intended population throughout the development process, the intervention has been tailored to the needs and preferences of low-income, minority (specifically Latino and Black/African-American), urban children ages 9-12.

**Current Need**

We are looking to fill three (3) Research Intern positions (at least one for a fluent Spanish-speaker). All Research Interns will be trained in study protocols, with additional training in other research-related activities as needed. Currently, we are looking for Research Interns to assist with:

- usability testing of intervention prototypes with youth/parents (through May 2017)
- participant phone recruitment and screening (starting June 2017)
- baseline visit consenting and intervention orientation (July-September 2017)
- data (quantitative/qualitative) collection (July-February 2018)
- data analyses and manuscript preparation (November-May 2018)

**Expectations of Research Team Members**

- Bright, motivated, mature, professional, reliable, and independent
- Strong interpersonal skills with some experience working with youth/parents preferred
- Experience working with human subjects research (i.e. familiar with recruitment, consenting, and/or survey data collection procedures)
- Attend weekly 2-hour research team meeting (currently Thursday mornings – subject to change for summer)
- Dedicate 10-15 hours a week to projects, as agreed upon with the principal investigator (weekend/evening availability preferred during summer recruitment/screening phase)
- Able to commit 6 months/1 semester (minimum) to one year or more (preferred)

**Benefit:** While positions are unpaid, assisting with this project is an opportunity to gain experience working on a critical issue in healthcare and benefit from working as part of a research team on an innovative and exciting project. Interns have many opportunities to learn/apply different research skills (i.e. recruitment, consenting, data collection) with a unique urban population. Interns may have the opportunity to be authors on abstracts and manuscripts depending on involvement with preparation. Participation in this study could qualify as a work-study position, be used to fulfill practicum/fieldwork/capstone requirements, or be used towards academic credit such as an independent study (must be discussed prior to start of internship). Research interns may also receive letters of recommendation for graduate school and job placement as appropriate.

**How to apply**

Please submit the following materials:

- A current CV/resume (include relevant experiences to study needs)
- A brief paragraph description of your interest in this project and any specific areas of experience (i.e. recruitment, screening, consenting, data collection, engagement with children) that you may contribute to the project. Also note if you are a Spanish-speaker.

Send application materials to:

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