Job Description: Interviewer for Qualitative Research Study

MDRC is seeking an experienced qualitative researcher to assist in conducting a longitudinal, qualitative study of participants in the Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration (ETJD). The ETJD project is a U.S. Department of Labor-funded random assignment evaluation of five different transitional jobs programs serving recently incarcerated people and/or low-income non-custodial parents. As part of the project, the research team will present findings from multiple in-depth interviews with a subsample of participants in each site. The data collected from these interviews will provide the research team with a deeper understanding of participants’ life experiences and how the ETJD programs may be helping them improve their earnings, long-term employability, and child support payments.

Responsibilities:

* Attend an initial training webinar and check in regularly with the MDRC Research Coordinator.
* Recruit a subsample of 5-8 study participants from the ETJD program in Milwaukee.
* Maintain regular phone and in-person contact with 5-8 participants selected for interviews over a period of 6 to 9 months.
* Conduct 3-5 individual in-person/phone interviews with each participant over a period of 6-9 months. Interview guides and a digital recorder will be provided.
* Submit recordings of interviews to the MDRC Research Coordinator and prepare short written summaries of each interview.
* Complete data security training and comply with the U.S. Department of Labor’s data security and confidentiality guidelines.

Qualifications:

* At least a Bachelor’s Degree in a relevant field. The ideal applicant will be a Master’s or Doctoral Degree candidate.
* Experience working directly with non-custodial parents and/or in low-income communities.
* Experience conducting qualitative research.
* Must be available to travel to communities where participants reside and schedule interviews around participants’ availability.
* Must be available to start immediately and commit up to 25 hours per month over 6 months.

Compensation:

* $25 per hour, plus the costs of transportation.