



2015-2016 Academic Year
1 Research Assistantship (Doctoral Students only)
Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE)
Placement ID: CEV/DV

Topic Area: [Children Exposed To Violence](#)/[Dating Violence](#)

Children exposed to violence (CEV) encompasses a broad area that includes children as both direct victims and as bystanders or observers of various forms of violence in the home, school, or community (including, but not limited to, peer victimization/ bullying/ harassment, child maltreatment, domestic violence, and community violence). NIJ is committed to supporting research that will increase our understanding of the complex dynamics of childhood exposure to violence and that will ultimately inform the development and enhancement of programs, practices, and policies designed to prevent violence and/or reduce the impact of violence on children and youth.

Building off a long history of research in the area of IPV, NIJ is now looking to relationships during adolescence to understand the factors that put individuals at risk for involvement in abusive romantic relationships as adults. NIJ also supports research examining the nature, characteristics and extent of dating violence; risk and protective factors; long-term and short-term outcomes; and systematic evaluations of teen dating violence prevention and intervention programs, policies and legislation.

Research assistant project task responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Review ongoing and final products stemming from NIJ grants awarded under the “Research and Evaluation on CEV” Program area and suggest dissemination strategies for products and findings (e.g., publications, presentations, research briefs, grantee meetings).
- Create, update, and manage NIJ web topic pages on CEV.
- Provide support for ongoing intramural research and cross-agency activities including an evaluation of a multi-site system of care demonstration project (with the Office for Victims of Crime) and the evaluation of the Defending Childhood demonstration sites. This may include:
 - ▶ Participation in technical research working groups and project planning meetings.
 - ▶ Reviewing products and making recommendations for dissemination activities (e.g., drafting articles for NIJ’s journal and website, articles for academic peer-reviewed journals, talking points for NIJ leadership, or articles for program office dissemination outlets).
- Participate in interagency meetings and working groups on CEV, potentially including the Women and Trauma Working Group, Federal Interagency Workgroup on Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention.



- Attend monthly meetings of the Office of Justice Programs' Defending Childhood Workgroup and recommend ways to facilitate NIJ's involvement in various aspects of the initiative as task force recommendations are implemented (e.g., curriculum development, website development, public relations campaign).
- Assist in program development activities related to CEV that may include:
 - ▶ Conducting literature reviews and writing annotated bibliographies.
 - ▶ Participating in research meetings and workshops.
 - ▶ Developing conference presentations and papers for publication on CEV topics.
 - ▶ Creating one-page overviews/research-in-brief materials.
- Provide support in maintaining a federal-wide research agenda on CEV, including a synthesis of current federal efforts and identification of significant research gaps.
- Assist with development and planning for a meeting to be hosted by NIJ and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention focused on moving the field of teen dating violence measurement forward.
- Conduct literature reviews and synthesize information related to developmental approaches to intimate partner violence and links between research on dating violence in adolescence and the transition to adulthood (e.g., ages 18-24).