



PROJECT CATALYZE
Catalyzing Student Success with Teacher and Student SEL in
Chicago Public Schools
October 2019 – September 2024

Statement of Work

Project CATALYZE is a newly funded study that will examine whether a well-tested SEL program for students called the PATHS Curriculum is even more effective when teachers receive the CARE curriculum, a professional development program that supports their own well-being and management of stress. The project is led by PI Patricia Jennings, Professor of Education at the University of Virginia. For more information see our [website](#).

CATALYZE researchers will recruit 40 low-performing elementary schools from a pool of 250 schools to participate in the project. All first- through third-grade students will receive the PATHS SEL program delivered by their teachers. Half of the schools will be randomly assigned to also have their teachers receive the CARE program in addition to the PATHS program. The study will follow students into their next year when the study will add the fourth-grade teachers.

Position: Chicago Public Schools Liaison Consultant

Position Description and Responsibilities

The Consultant will work under the direction of CATALYZE Prof. Jennings to support communications between the research team and Chicago public schools. This will involve supporting three primary functions:

- Maintaining contact with principals/schools via email, phone and in person
- School and Teacher Recruitment:
 - Help schedule meetings between project staff and CSP leadership and teachers, performing follow up communication activities to support participant enrollment.
- Training Logistics:
 - Help SELW and CREATE schedule professional learning workshops.
- Data Collection:
 - Support AIR efforts to schedule CLASS observations, and support SEL Worldwide in scheduling PATHS observations. Follow up with individual teachers to support data collection process.
- Other duties:
 - Attend all remote team meetings
 - Maintain accurate records of activities
 - Create periodic reports on activities

Timeframe

The timeframe for this work is December 1, 2019 -November 30, 2020 with a possibility of annual renewal through 2023.

Compensation

Hourly Rate: \$25 | **Annual Maximum:** \$20,000

To Apply

Please email a **resume** to catalyze@virginia.edu. Please include the position title in the subject line of your email message.