

Chelsea Richard

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Research and Strategy JUL 2021 - PRESENT

Strategic Impact Manager JUL 2019 - JUL 2021
South Carolina First Steps, Columbia, SC

- Tripled staff on the Research and Strategy team to support agency data infrastructure and capacity building, strategic planning, program evaluation, and research
- Lead internal project team of 5 and serve as primary vendor liaison for \$1.1 million 2-year build, migration of legacy data, and implementation of a custom program and case management solution for managing 60,000+ active cases and 500+ active users across 70+ state-level staff and 35+ programs implemented by 46 independent non-profits and 300+ child care centers
- Facilitate agency participation and support data governance for 2 integrated data initiatives of the South Carolina Early Childhood Integrated Data System
- Launched 'Your Voice Matters' campaign and initiated 8 rapid-cycle client feedback loops with 1,400+ respondents
- Spearheaded development and adoption of 7 Key Measures of Progress, data storytelling across 4 goal areas, and writing of 6 objectives and 17 strategies for South Carolina's Birth through Five plan
- Directed development, data collection and analysis, and dissemination of the 'COVID-19 Child Care Survey' of 1,245 parents of young children across 42 counties in South Carolina that aimed to understand COVID-19's impact on child care and wellbeing

Survey Program Coordinator JUL 2015 - JUL 2019

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

- Coordinated survey development and data collection for 2 population health surveys with 13,000+ annual survey responses
- Analyzed data and conducted and disseminated research through authoring 6 peer reviewed manuscripts, 17 conference oral presentations, 65 conference poster presentations, and 20 web-based publications, including the inaugural state health assessment
- Co-founded Health Data Symposium and organized 3 in-person events (2016, 2017, 2019) with 70+ annual attendees

Data Coordinator and Manager FEB 2012 - JUL 2013

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

- Managed all sample intake, data collection instrument development, and Institutional Review Board documentation for National Institutes of Health R01 funded study with 4,000+ participants
- Contributed to database mapping, development, and migration of historic data

EDUCATION

PhD, Epidemiology

University of South Carolina
2021

MSPH, Epidemiology

University of South Carolina
2015

BS, Biology

University of Massachusetts - Boston
2012

CERTIFICATION

Certified Public Manager

South Carolina Department of
Administration
ANTICIPATED 2023

AWARDS & HONORS HIGHLIGHTS

Best & Brightest 35 and Under

Columbia Business Monthly
2021

Doctoral Presidential Fellowship

University of South Carolina
2017 - 2021

Winona B. Vernberg Fellowship

University of South Carolina
2014 - 2015

Intramural Research Training Award

National Institutes of Health
2014

Magna cum Laude

University of Massachusetts - Boston
2012