**Health and Human Services Policy Research Opportunity**

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If you are interested in working with RDA, please send an e-mail including your CV and letter of interest to Alice Huber, Ph.D., alice.huber@dshs.wa.gov.