

**Office of State Budget and Management**  
**Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions**  
(G.S. 143-34.1)

**Agency:** NC Department of Health and Human Services

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**Division:** Public Health; Chronic Disease and Injury Section; Injury and Violence Prevention Branch

**Budget Code:** 14430

**Center Title:** To Be Determined after Funding is Received

**Center Number:** 1551 - TBD

**\*\*\* Position Information \*\*\***

**Proposed Classification:** Public Health Epidemiologist II

**Proposed Salary Grade:** 73

**Salary Range:** 50,000-62,535

**Proposed Effective Date:** 11/01/2006

**Number of Positions:** 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$ 250,000	\$ 68,136
Receipts	250,000	68,136
Appropriation	\$	\$

**Funding Source(s):** Application will be submitted upon receipt of Proposal from RTI International

**Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):**

In 2005, the NC-DHHS Task Force to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect provided multiple recommendations on what should be done to reduce the prevalence of child maltreatment in North Carolina to the Department's Secretary. One of the recommendations is for the Division of Public Health Injury and Violence Prevention Branch to develop, test and implement a sophisticated child maltreatment surveillance system, capable of capturing counts and risk factors of child maltreatment to NC residents that result in both fatal and non-fatal events to children under age 18. This will require hiring an additional, full-time epidemiologist for the Epidemiology Unit of the Injury Branch with excellent technical skills in traditional epidemiologic and injury surveillance and exceptional communication and interpersonal skills. Duties and responsibilities will include: (1) establishing a case definition of child abuse, neglect and maltreatment, consistent with the state child maltreatment stakeholders and the Centers for Disease Control; (2) identifying the extant state sources of information on fatal and non-fatal child abuse, neglect and maltreatment; (3) identifying and overcoming the barriers to data sharing or linking from the identified data sources; (4) developing, testing and implementing data linkage or sharing procedures for multiple datasets; (5) designing and preparing standardized and on-demand epidemiologic reports on child abuse, neglect and maltreatment; and (6) serving as chair of the Child Abuse and Maltreatment Leadership Team Surveillance Committee.

**Statutory Reference for Request**

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Presentation to be made by

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