Name of Potential Project: Investigation of co-abuse of tobacco and cannabis

Name of potential supervisor/s (and link to external-facing RTI expert page, if available):
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Overview: (2-4 sentences)
Tobacco and cannabis are two of the most commonly abused substances in the United States. Further, simultaneous cannabis and tobacco polysubstance use (CT-PSU) is not insubstantial and is trending upwards as cannabis use is legalized in an increasing number of states. This upward trend is of particular concern because, compared to use of cannabis without tobacco, CT-PSU is associated with greater cannabis dependence, psychosocial problems, and poorer cessation outcomes, as well as with additive health risks, relative to either substance alone. To characterize patterns of CT-PSU, we developed and implemented novel survey measures that focused specifically on CT-PSU. The internship would involve assistance in analyzing and collating data from this study and preparation of manuscripts describing the results from this completed 2-year study. An opportunity to become involved in planned survey research related to vaping and COVID-19 may also be possible.

Preferred skills: (including foreign languages, programming languages, etc.)
Excellent writing skills required
Data analysis of large datasets and interpretation skills preferred

Number of Interns: 1