

## Format for Proposal

Every research proposal must contain the following information: a title page; background; methods; results; discussion; resources needed; project time frame; and references. In brief, each proposal section should include the following information:

- Title page* Include a working study title; a list of study researchers, their institutional affiliations and contact information; and names of journal(s) where the findings will be sent.
- Background* Summarize the literature, cite strengths and limitations of earlier research, and state the purpose for the proposed study. Provide a rationale for why PRAMS data are useful for the proposed project.
- Methods* Mention which years of PRAMS data you will need for your analysis, a list of the specific variables you will need and the statistical methods you will use to conduct your analysis. Describe whether your analysis relies on any implicit assumptions.
- Results* Although the analysis has not been initiated, researchers should provide sample table shells or figures for PRAMS staff review.
- Discussion* While the results are not known, researchers should discuss the following: strengths and limitations of their project; how the findings will enhance the literature and public health practice in the topic area; and benefits to the FL DOH and how the knowledge can contribute to public health practice.
- Experience with SAS, SUDAAN, or other statistical packages*  
Indicate the level of experience with SUDAAN software, or another software package that can be used to analyze complex survey data. FL PRAMS technical assistance is limited.
- Time frame* List a starting date and anticipated milestones for the project.
- References* Provide a listing of references cited in the research proposal.

Proposal should be no longer than three pages double-spaced. The research proposal should be submitted to:

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