



INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

Agency: Mother & Child Health Coalition (MCHC) Kansas City

Department name: Metro KC Breastfeeding Collaborative

Overview of the program:

The Metro KC Breastfeeding Collaborative works with community partners to increase breastfeeding initiation and duration rates in the bi-state KC area. The collaborative is focused on advocating for breastfeeding mothers in the workplace and in child care facilities. It is also working to understand the barriers and facilitators of breastfeeding, specifically among the demographically resource-deprived areas of the population.

Overview of the internship: Data collection and breastfeeding education to area physician practices and employers

The intern will provide assistance to the Coalition Coordinator to:

- Contact area employers related to MCHC's Employer Support for Nursing Mothers Award, based upon the federal government's *Business Case for Breastfeeding* program
- Create an Excel database of businesses in the metro area and the status of their pro-breastfeeding policies and practices among employees
- Create an Excel database of obstetrician offices in the metro area and the status of their provisions of breastfeeding-related information to their patients prenatally
- Contact area birthing hospitals and record information in an Excel database of their Baby-Friendly status/interest
- Promote the *Business Case for Breastfeeding* among area business publications
- Update a list of resources related to breastfeeding
- Work with pediatricians' offices to collect data related to breastfeeding initiation and duration

Benefits of an Internship with MCHC:

- The intern will have numerous opportunities to learn about and network with over 200 health and social service agencies.
- The intern will learn about pressing issues facing the Kansas City metropolitan area and opportunities to address them on the local, regional and state level.
- The intern will meet with MCHC's partners and assist in regional and local initiatives in the area of infant mortality reductions within the scope of work within public health, health care, and/or workforce development

- The intern will learn about working with a nonprofit organization, and will learn about the culture of nonprofits.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be highly organized with the ability to multi-task and meet deadlines
- Well-developed interpersonal & communication skills
- Proficient in MS Word, Excel, Access, and Outlook
- Professional appearance and demeanor
- Customer service skills
- Ability to effectively gather information via telephone in a professional manner
- Ability to document appointment scheduling outcomes
- Familiarity with the prenatal/postpartum and newborn population
- Must have reliable transportation

When are these positions offered?

- Start date: **Open**
- End date: **Open**
- Hours: (internships are typically arranged to accommodate intern's needs.)
Flexible; generally M-F 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. but some evening and weekends may be required.

Location: **2340 East Meyer Blvd., Building 1, Ste. 216 Kansas City MO 64132**

Pay/ Stipend: **Unpaid**

Travel: **Limited travel within the 5-county metro KC area.**

Transportation – is a car required? **Yes**

Application deadlines: **Open**

Contact information: Submit résumé and letter of interest via: info@mchc.net
or telephone Paul Cesare at 816-283-6242 X239.



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