



INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

Agency: Mother & Child Health Coalition

Department name: Kansas City Healthy Start Initiative

Overview of the program:

Mother & Child Health Coalition (MCHC), a recognized non-profit leader in the field of maternal and child health with particular expertise in combating health inequities and social determinants of health all focused on decreasing infant mortality within the Kansas City metropolitan area, believes that every child deserves a healthy start. MCHC's work is aimed at improving health outcomes and addressing health disparities through community intervention activities and public awareness campaigns.

Overview of the internship: Fatherhood Outreach Intern

Responsible for a range of projects and activities to develop, strengthen and support the ongoing involvement of fathers/males in the Kansas City Healthy Start Initiative. This position involves working with families and communities in heightening awareness and increased participation of fathers/males in the lives of their young children. This, in turn, will contribute to the healthy development of and improved outcomes for children.

Possible Projects Include:

1. Assist with promoting Kansas City Healthy Start Initiative programs and services throughout the community.
2. Assist with planning, implementing and monitoring the Fatherhood/Male Involvement Initiative, using evidence-based curriculum and components.
3. Assist with planning and conducting training sessions in the community with a fatherhood/male focus.
4. Assist with the organization and facilitation of advisory groups/parent advocacy groups.
5. Assist with and participate in parental/community involvement activities which heighten the awareness of the Kansas City Healthy Start Initiative program.
6. Assist with tracking fatherhood and parent involvement activities related to the program.
7. Perform all other reasonably related duties as assigned.

Knowledge and Skills

- Coursework in health education/behavioral theory, multicultural communications, program planning, advocacy and policy/environmental approaches to improving health and other health education competencies is preferred.

- The ideal candidate will be able to work with minimal supervision; have excellent oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills; attention to detail; reliable and prompt; able to commit to a regular schedule; able to maintain a professional demeanor with a variety of personalities; and able to work in a team environment.
- Knowledge of white paper and article formatting including graphic design.
- A high level of comfort speaking with senior leaders.
- Microsoft Office programs including Word, Excel, and Publisher. Internet research and database management experience preferable.
- Highly motivated, self-starter.

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

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