



## INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

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

**Department name:** Kansas City Healthy Start Initiative (KCHSI)

### Overview of the program:

The Kansas City Healthy Start Initiative (KCHSI) is a program of Mother & Child Health Coalition (MCHC). The overall goal of KCHSI is the elimination of disparities in perinatal health throughout greater Kansas City. Five approaches are employed at two tiered levels to address this goal. At Level 1, the approaches focus on specific areas to serve pregnant and interconception women, their children (0-2 years of age) and fathers from 11 ZIP codes in Jackson County, MO and 6 ZIP codes in Wyandotte County, KS with poor birth outcomes. Participants are referred primarily by two Federally Qualified Health Centers: Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center and Swope Health Services. At Level 2, the approaches focus on programmatic and systemic change to extend the support for women, young children, and families throughout the five county greater Kansas City area. MCHC is collaborating to achieve collective impact to improve perinatal outcomes in the 5-county metro area as a backbone organization by (a) building a **perinatal health agenda**, (b) instituting a **shared measurement system**, (c) fostering **public awareness and dialogue**, and (d) establishing a **Community Action Network (CAN)** of stakeholders. CAN subgroups address needs for training, peer support, referral, access to services, voice in health policies, data for decision-making, and models of best practice. KCHSI is a federally funded program.

### Overview of the internship:

The intern will have an opportunity to coordinate and facilitate activities to address the benchmark: **Achieve Collective Impact** to increase the proportion of HS grantees with at least 25% Healthy Start participant membership on their CAN membership.

### 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 from program participant view-point about pressing issues facing the Kansas City metropolitan area and opportunities to address them on the local, regional and state level.
- The intern will learn about working with a nonprofit organization, and will learn about the culture of nonprofits.

### Possible Projects Include:

- Organize, recruit and facilitate the monthly Sista' Talk support group sessions for program participants for Level 1 of the CAN.

- Develop surveys and evaluate results in relation to the goals and objectives.
- Craft and submit reports in both outcome data and narrative formats.
- Make recommendations for strategies to maintain program participant involvement.

**Requirements:**

- Demonstrated experience in developing and administering surveys.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Collecting and analyzing data.
- Microsoft Office programs including Word, Excel, and Publisher. Internet research and database management experience.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively with MCHC staff and community members.
- Interest in community action and advocacy.
- Passion for improving communities and strong personal values that align with MCHC's Vision and Mission.

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](mailto:info@mchc.net)

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