

## INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION



**Agency:** Mother & Child Health Coalition

**Program name:** Safe Kids Metro KC (SKMKC)

**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.

Safe Kids Metro KC (SKMKC) is part of a national injury prevention network (Safe Kids Worldwide) whose mission is to prevent unintentional childhood injuries, the leading killer of children 19 and under. Formed in 2005, Safe Kids Metro KC’s goal has been to stimulate changes in attitudes and behavior using injury prevention strategies that work in the real world. Our service area includes: Jackson, Clay, Platte counties in Missouri and Wyandotte County in Kansas; the program also works closely with safety and health professionals, educators, businesses and public policy-makers throughout Missouri and Kansas.

To categorize our efforts, we group injuries by the place they occur: in the home, in the car and on the road, and during sports and play:

<b>Home</b>	<b>Cars and Road</b>	<b>Sports and Play</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Button Battery Injury Prevention</i></li> <li>• <i>Falls Prevention</i></li> <li>• <i>Fire, Burns and Scalds Prevention</i></li> <li>• <i>Medication Safety</i></li> <li>• <i>Suffocation Prevention and Sleep Safety</i></li> <li>• <i>Toy Safety</i></li> <li>• <i>TV and Furniture Tip-overs Prevention</i></li> <li>• <i>Water Safety</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pedestrian Safety</i></li> <li>• <i>In and Around Cars</i></li> <li>• <i>Child Passenger Safety</i></li> <li>• <i>Heatstroke Awareness and Prevention</i></li> <li>• <i>Frontover and Backover Prevention</i></li> <li>• <i>Getting Ready to Drive</i></li> <li>• <i>Distracted Driving</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sports-Related Injuries especially concussions</i></li> <li>• <i>Bicycle, Skateboard and Other Wheeled Sports Safety</i></li> </ul>

**Overview of the internship:** Program Planning Intern

The Program Planning intern will work with the program coordinator to plan, develop, conduct injury prevention programs, campaigns, or initiatives, compile and present statistics. The intern will experience hands-on learning in public health and program management.

**Knowledge and Skills Required:**

- 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 deal tactfully with a variety of personalities; fact finding, interviewing, and strong writing skills, and able to work in a team environment.

- 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.
- Data collection and reporting skills.
- 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 required (internships are typically arranged to accommodate intern's needs.)  
**Flexible; generally M-F 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. but some weekends may be required.**

Location: 1734 E. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 301 Kansas City MO 64110

Pay/ Stipend:   Unpaid

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

Transportation – is a car required?       Yes

Application deadlines: Open

Contact information: Email [info@mchc.net](mailto:info@mchc.net) or telephone 816-283-6242 x244



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