

## MCH Paired Practica Summer 2016



State	Agency	Project Description
AL	Alabama Department of Public Health, Family Health Services/MCH EPI Branch	AL Dept. of Public Health will be implementing several components of their new strategic plan, and the students will help them with this work. The students will assist with developing ways to effectively communicate the Block Grant transformation to stakeholders, creating evaluation plans and tools that will assist in the assessment, and creating a system for the state's MCH programs to report on various performance measures for annual grant reporting purposes.
CO	Colorado Department of Public & Environment Health: Children, Youth & Families Branch	Colorado is committed to enhancing their efforts to apply community engagement strategies in an evidence- based, coordinated manner to effectively address the MCHB health transformation objectives. The students will help coordinate and complete projects related to CE strategies that address: pregnancy-related depression, reducing disparities in infant mortality among the African-American population, early childhood obesity prevention, developmental screening and referral systems building, youth systems building with a focus on bullying and suicide prevention, medical home for children and youth with special health care needs and substance abuse prevention among the MCH population.
DC	Washington DC Department of Health, Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood <b>Home Visiting (MIECHV) Risk Analysis Project</b>	The students will work with the DOH MIECHV team and the District's Home Visitation Council to develop a citywide evaluation plan that includes common indicators. Additionally, the students will work with community-based home visiting providers to assess and provide technical assistance on data collection and program evaluation. The project will require a thorough assessment of the MIECHV program's Data System (DCRS) and community-based provider's data systems. The students will also be expected to review and comprehend HRSA's benchmark requirements and The Pew Charitable Trust recommendations on home visiting performance measures.
DC	Washington DC Department of Health, <b>Social Marketing Campaign Project</b>	The students will develop an education and social marketing campaign to 1) increase the awareness of newborn screening (metabolic and hearing), and 2) reduce smoking and drinking during pregnancy. This will include conducting focus groups with target audiences (pregnant and parenting women, teen mothers, young adults, etc.). The campaign will be inclusive of digital and print information (such as fact sheets, a video presentation, etc.) that can be distributed widely in the District. The interns will also plan a Newborn Screening awareness month event for September 2016.

<b>IA</b>	The Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health (BFH)	The students will collect data from community partners, compile the data, conduct an analysis of the results and prepare a report and present the findings/recommendations to key stakeholders including the Iowa Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. In support of this project, the students will also have responsibility for becoming familiar with the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study and related Iowa data.
<b>NC</b>	North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Women's Health Branch, Division of Public Health	The students will develop an addendum to the statewide Perinatal Health Strategic Health Plan for families and community leaders. This would entail a user friendly version which would inform families and community leaders about the plan and help them implement elements of the plan locally.
<b>NJ</b>	New Jersey Department of Health, Family Health Services	The NJ Dept. of Health has conducted a survey of providers/community health workers, and has held focus groups with women to obtain input with respect to low rates of postpartum visit use. Building on that work, the students will help with the development of a training packet on postpartum care for community health workers; development of guidance related to standardization of the content of the postpartum visit; and development of a monitoring and evaluation plan to measure the distribution and impact of exposure to the Postpartum brochure.
<b>RI</b>	Rhode Island Department of Health	The students will help develop a plan to coordinate both internal and external efforts related to addressing the Social Determinants of Health (SdoH) to reduce infant mortality. Students will conduct and analyze key informant interviews with stakeholders over the course of the program to determine what is currently being done with respect to SDoH and how efforts can be better coordinated. The students will also have the opportunity to observe and potentially participate in other related projects such as the RI Health Equity Zone Initiative and the Commission for Advocacy and Equity and a grant focused on graduation rates of minority males.