

STUDENT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Through our internship program, Maternity Care Coalition (MCC) aims to engage students across disciplines and education levels in the field of maternal and child health. Our internships are designed to provide meaningful experiences that enrich both the student and MCC as an organization. We provide internship opportunities in four departments: Direct Service, Public Policy, Research, and Fund Development.

Direct Service Intern

Direct Service Interns work alongside staff members in our direct service programs, including Cribs for Kids, MOMobile, and Early Head Start. Each program is staffed by a Manager/Coordinator, who provides on-site leadership and supervision, and by expertly trained community health workers called Advocates. Advocates build trusting relationships with families in the surrounding community and help to bridge cultural, linguistic, and other social barriers that families face. Specific responsibilities for Direct Service Interns vary by program, but Direct Service Interns may expect to perform several of the following tasks:

- Conduct assessments to determine each family's strengths, needs and goals
- Participate in home visits to families
- Educate clients on topics such as prenatal health, child development, parenting skills, nutrition, HIV prevention and breastfeeding
- Refer families for additional health services (pediatric, dental and women's health care) and community resources (housing, career training, nutrition programs)
- Screen clients for perinatal depression
- Plan and facilitate workshops on parenting skills, safe sleep, or other topics
- Participate in presentations on MCC services to local agencies
- Represent MCC at health fairs and community events
- Create health information sheets for clients
- Return phone calls received through the Cribs for Kids hotline and explain the program's parameters
- Conduct telephone assessments to determine program eligibility

Research/Public Policy Intern

Research/Public Policy Interns work with both our Research and Policy teams to advance public and scientific knowledge and engagement in maternal and child health. The Research and Policy teams at MCC work to identify best practices and provide evidence to improve maternal and child health and wellbeing in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The team conducts scientific studies on issues relevant to maternal and child health and evaluates our direct service programs. Interns will learn about the connection between research and policy and how advocacy is the critical link in bringing research results to effect change. Under the supervision of the Director of Research, interns are instrumental in helping to evaluate our programs and provide assistance in our research studies, ensuring that we are serving the needs of the community and in developing ideas for future growth. Research/Public Policy Interns may expect to do several of the following projects:

- Coordinate and conduct needs assessments at our program sites
- Develop advocacy plans
- Create fact sheets for hearings and other meetings
- Create public relations materials such as press releases, letters to editors and opinion editorials
- Conduct literature reviews on topics related to maternal and child health
- Edit conference abstracts and manuscripts
- Guide the preparation of survey instruments



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Fund Development Intern

Fund Development and Marketing (FDM) Interns work with our FDM team throughout the year to plan and launch exciting fundraising and public relations projects. The FDM team at MCC ensures the long-term sustainability of the agency by engaging with individual donors, philanthropic foundations, and the community at large. Interns will gain valuable experience in fundraising and communications within the context of an established, local nonprofit. FDM Interns may expect to participate in any of the following activities:

- Strategize new ways to engage audiences online and through social media
- Raise funds during the Celebrating Mothers annual appeal
- Assist with donor relations
- Write or edit grant proposals
- Create brochures for the agency and direct service programs
- Coordinate in-kind donations for annual events
- Edit fact sheets and flyers
- Help with data entry, writing, and administrative tasks