

2025-26 Texas Public Health Fellowship



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Texas Department of State
Health Services

Fellowship Name: Birth Defects Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch Family Outreach Fellowship

Fellowship Details

Host Site Organization Name: Texas Department of State Health Services

Host Site Division/Program: Community Health Improvement; Birth Defects Epidemiology & Surveillance Branch

Host Site/Fellowship Location: 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756

Host Site Workplace Setting: Combination of onsite and virtual

Workplace Setting Description: Hybrid. Fellow will be required to visit office 1x week. Schedule is flexible.

Public Health Core Disciplines: Social and Behavioral Sciences Epidemiology

Primary Fellowship Focus/Topics: Maternal and Child Health Community Engagement

Fellowship Overview

Host Site Mission

The mission of the Texas Birth Defects Registry is to identify and describe the patterns and outcomes of children with birth defects in Texas, and to collaborate with others in research, prevention, and referral to services.

Fellowship Projects

Collaborate with family outreach staff to develop and coordinate survey for families from the Texas Birth Defects Registry. Identify eligible study participants from the Registry. Print and mail survey letter to families and provide instructions and technical assistance for completing the survey via phone or email. Assist with developing the survey instrument using survey software tool(s). Coordinate and track survey completion, provide survey technical assistance to families as needed. Mail and track survey participation incentives. Conduct survey data analysis and develop reports or presentations to disseminate survey results.

Fellowship Deliverables

The family outreach and prevention initiatives for children with birth defects survey tool and at least one abstract or poster.

Fellowship Activities/Responsibilities

Seeking a public health fellow to assist with a family outreach research project focused on understanding quality of life and need for services among children with birth defects and their families. The fellow will be responsible for assisting with coordinating a research study to survey families of children from the Texas Birth Defects Registry. Job duties may include mailing letters to families to inform them of the study, developing the survey instrument on a survey platform, tracking survey completions, answering survey participants' questions, or providing technical assistance as needed, and assisting with data cleaning, data analysis, and developing presentations, reports, or abstracts.

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Salary and Benefits

Annual Salary: Tier 3, \$66,150

All fellows will be eligible for DSHS employee [benefits](#) including [health insurance](#) and leave.

Travel

Percent Travel: None

Travel Description: N/A

Required Applicant Qualifications

(The following qualifications are REQUIRED. Do NOT apply to this position unless you currently meet or plan to meet these requirements by the start of the Fellowship, June 1, 2025.)

Required certification/license:

No requirement

Required Educational Qualifications

Required Level of Education: Master's Degree

Preferred Specialized and Technical Skills

(The following skills will be a focus during this Fellowship position. If you have or are interested in developing data analysis skills or building technical skills in the software listed below, this could be a good Fellowship position for you.)

Ability to Speak in Spanish:

Good: Fellow can speak well enough to participate in most conversations. Native speakers notice some errors in the Fellow's speech or understanding, but the errors rarely cause misunderstanding.

Ability to Write in Spanish:

Good: Fellow can write well enough to communicate most information. Fellow may make some errors, but these errors rarely cause misunderstanding.

Data Analysis Skills:

Basic Skills: has some awareness or knowledge of Data Analysis

Statistical Software Skills:

Limited proficiency: has knowledge and interest in learning more, but little experience using the software

Statistical Software:

SAS

Other Software:

None.