

Texas Department of State Health Services

Internship Description

Office of Practice and Learning DSHS Internships

Internship Title: Maternal Mental Health in Rural Communities						
Internship Location: In-Person/Virtual		Jasmii	ptor Name and Title: ne Barnes, MPH, CHES – am Specialist II			
Brief Description						
The project intends to measure and address the maternal mental health issues present in rural counties surrounding Houston/Harris County within Public Health Region 6/5S. Through 1) assessing the prevalence and risk factors of maternal mental health issues in the rural counties, 2) evaluating the existing maternal mental health resource available, 3) creating community awareness of maternal mental health concerns in Public Health Region 6/5s						
Approximate Total Weekly Hours: 15 – 20	Paid: □Yes ⊠No	DSHS Division: RLHO		Program: Community Health Services – Maternal and Child Health		
Disciplines of Public Health						
☐ Biostatistics/Data Analytics		⊠ Epidemiology				
		⊠ Program Plann	ning	☐ Health Administration		
☐ Environmental Health		⊠ Research	arch 🗵 Program Evaluation			
☐ Policy Analysis and Development		☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.				
Internship Details						
Intern Activities						

- Research and compile data on existing maternal mental health resources and services available in the target rural areas
- Develop a Logic Model for the program initiative
- Investigate the potential use of telehealth solutions to provide remote mental health support to rural mothers.
- Establish and nurture partnerships with local healthcare providers, community organizations, and stakeholders to enhance maternal mental health services.
- Create survey for providers about available resources in their area to produce resources guide for future surveys.
- Conduct surveys and interviews to assess the prevalence and risk factors of maternal mental health issues in rural counties.

Intern Deliverables

- Comprehensive reports on the prevalence and risk factors of maternal mental health issues in rural counties
- Compilation of maternal mental health resources and services in the rural area
- Develop Logic Model for the initiative
- Create Provider surveys for maternal mental health resources available in rural counties.

As part of an end-of-semester celebration of the interns, the intern will give a brief PowerPoint or poster presentation of their project and experience to an audience of DSHS staff and university partners.

Applicant Qualifications

Required	Skill					
11044111011	⊠ Microsoft Office:					
	⊠ Word					
	⊠ Excel					
	□ PowerPoint					
	☐ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)					
	☐ Tableau or similar applications					
	☐ Other software applications					
	Academic Level					
	Master in Public Health Student					
	Any other skills required (soft or technical)					
	Effective communication, Critical Thinking Skills					
Preferred	Skill					
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	☐ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)					
	☐ Tableau or similar applications					
	☐ Other software applications					
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	Academic Level					
	Master of Public Health student					
	Any other skills required (soft or technical)					
	Efficient communicator, Cultural competency of rural communities					

Application Instructions

Qualified and interested applicants must submit the following items to the contact below:

□ Application □ Letter of Interest □ Two letters of recommendation
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		Instructions: Letters from current or former supervisor or faculty members (in lieu of reference checks).
⊠ Resume	☐ Writing Sample	☐ Other documents: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Information

Contact Name and
Information

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