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Job Announcement – Please Post and Distribute

## **Perinatal Case Manager – East Los Angeles Perinatal Outreach and Education (POE) Program**

**Maternal and Child Health Access (MCHA)** is a non-profit social service and policy agency whose mission is to improve the health of low income women and families through advocacy, education, training and direct services. We offer a case management program for pregnant and parenting women with an arts and sewing economic development project; health education and support classes, including breastfeeding support; outreach for enrollment into health programs and referrals to health services; trouble-shooting for problems accessing health care or using health programs; training and technical assistance to agencies on health programs and services available to low-income people. We conduct policy work in areas of access to care and health issue based on our experiences with low-income women and families.

**The POE Program** assists pregnant and parenting women and their families in the greater downtown Los Angeles area to maximize their health: to have a healthy and safe pregnancy and good birth outcomes, to provide health care for their children, health education, and breastfeeding support and to bring to light those systemic access and other issues impeding women and families from having good health and a healthy birth outcome. Outreach to pregnant women takes place weekly at WIC and other sites. Our case management is comprehensive, involving the entire family. We conduct home visits, assist with safety and health issues in the home, teach and model advocacy skills and are advocates for our clients when needed. We believe in nonviolence not only as a philosophy but also as a practice and teach and incorporate nonviolence in its broadest sense.

As part of the Los Angeles Best Babies Collaborative headed by St. John's Well-Child and Family Center, we are very pleased to be part of the Expansion Project into the East of Downtown area of SPA 4, specifically, zip codes 90032, 33 and 63. The successful candidate will have experience living and/or working in these areas and will be familiar with the agencies and resources found in these and surrounding zip codes. The First 5 LA Commission approved this expansion in an ongoing effort to create a comprehensive, integrated model of continuous perinatal care for at-risk women throughout Los Angeles County.

### **The Case Manager position**

The Case Manager works with the Perinatal Outreach and Education team to find, qualify, intake, assess and assist high-risk pregnant and immediate post-partum women to achieve healthy births and healthy child development in the context of comprehensive case management. S/he is a team player, working in case conference and with "best practice" guidelines developed by MCH Access and the Best Babies Collaborative with which we currently work, the Harbor Corridor Best Babies Collaborative, to work with women and their families for up to two years postpartum. The Case Manager will be placed in the service area and make weekly visits to downtown Los Angeles for meetings, case conferences, supplies

and materials, etc. Currently, Case Managers input their own case information into a common data management system; there may be support for this in the future.

**Qualifications:**

- Bilingual English-Spanish, since the population with whom we work is often monolingual Spanish
- Bachelors Degree in a human or social service area, or equivalent experience
- At least two years experience working with low-income pregnant women and families
- Certified Lactation Educator or extensive experience assisting mothers to breastfeed desired; interest in becoming CLE-certified if not now certified
- Competency in government benefits-related work, specifically in Medi-Cal, child health programs, food stamps and CalWORKS.
- Familiarity with word processing; ability to work on computer data system inputting key client information
- A team player, ability to work together for the benefit of the families we serve
- Detail-oriented
- A car and insurance are necessary; commuting between downtown and East Los Angeles will be necessary

Benefits include paid holidays, mileage and parking, health and dental insurance

Start date: ASAP

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Women and Minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.