

Overview

Initiated in September 2015, the goal of the Trainee Ambassador Group (TAG) is to:

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Foster connections between trainees across the MCH Training Program

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Provide trainees with leadership development opportunities

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Strengthen the link between trainees and HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).

This Year

In previous years, the TAG has worked on ad-hoc projects developed by trainees for trainees. However, this year, the TAG will be pausing regular activities and focusing on a special initiative for MCHB. The 2023 cohort will focus on an evaluation project intended to assess the needs of trainees across the MCH Training Program.

How It Works

The TAG meets virtually every month. Ambassadors may be split into three subcommittees in order to be able to work more collaboratively in smaller teams on specific tasks between full group meetings. The TAG is a time commitment of an estimated approximately 4 hours per month.

2023 Objectives

Through collaboration, the TAG will conduct an evaluation to:

- Learn about the needs and interests of MCH trainees
- Gather information on what engagement activities MCHB should provide trainees in future years
- Provide feedback to MCHB on how to best support the trainee network
- Strengthen the link between trainees and MCHB
- Increase current trainee awareness/knowledge about the full range of MCH training programs
- Improve communication and collaboration among trainees within and across training programs
- Facilitate connections between current and former trainees
- Provide trainees with additional leadership development opportunities

General Ambassador Roles & Leadership Activities

- In collaboration with MCHB, develop an evaluation plan and materials for OMB review
 - Develop and implement a survey
 - Conduct focus groups or key informant interviews
 - Assist with qualitative and quantitative data analysis
 - Develop a report or presentation of findings and recommendations for MCHB, or content to share findings with other audiences
 - Co-facilitate virtual TAG meetings
- Collaborate with other TAG Ambassadors on all activities
 - Devise, review, and provide input on documents, presentations, communications, and/or other resources and tools
 - Provide feedback on the TAG experience as a professional development opportunity
 - Attend, present, and/or serve as panelists on a TAG-related or trainee engagement activity at virtual or in-person meetings, as they arise

Ambassador Leadership Roles

In addition to the responsibilities listed above, each Ambassador may have the opportunity to take on at least one leadership role. This could include helping to lead the work of a smaller subcommittee. Each Ambassador will be asked to indicate their preference for a leadership role at the start of the cohort.