

# Trainee Ambassador Group



*The Maternal & Child Health Bureau's (MCHB) Division of MCH Workforce Development (DMCHWD) is establishing a new, ongoing vehicle for working collaboratively with trainees of the MCH Training Program through the Trainee Ambassador Group (TAG).*

## Overview

The goal of the TAG is to foster connections between trainees across the MCH Training Program, provide trainees with leadership development opportunities, and strengthen the link between trainees and MCHB.

Through the TAG, MCHB aims to accomplish the following:

- Strengthen the link between trainees and MCHB
- Increase awareness about the importance of utilizing and engaging trainees
- Increase current trainee awareness/knowledge about the full range of 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

The TAG will meet virtually for 15 months, beginning with a kick-off meeting in August or September 2015.

The TAG will provide trainees with the opportunity to conceptualize, develop, and lead efforts to facilitate trainee connections via activities such as a mentoring program, trainee forums, and collaborative research projects.

At the conclusion of the 15-month commitment, committee members will receive a small honorarium that will be based on their monthly participation, which is anticipated to be 2-4 hours per month.



## Eligibility

The TAG will be composed of trainee representatives from a range of the DMCHWD's graduate and undergraduate education programs including:

- Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH)
- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND)
- MCH Nutrition
- MCH Pipeline
- Pediatric Pulmonary Centers (PPC)
- Centers of Excellence in MCH (formerly the Schools of Public Health [SPH])
- Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP)

Applicants should demonstrate strong communication, cultural competency, and leadership skills as well as experience with mentoring (as a mentee or mentor) and organizing activities or programs.

Trainees that have graduated within the last 2 years are also encouraged to apply.

A 15-month commitment is required for all TAG members.

## Application

Interested trainees must submit the following by May 31, 2015:

- TAG application
- Professional resumé
- Unofficial transcript
- Recommendation form

The TAG Membership Application can be accessed at: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/training/>

Applicants will be notified in July 2015 and kickoff activities will begin in August or September 2015.

## Contact

Please contact Julia Fantacone at the MCH Training & Research Resource Center if you have questions or need further information: [mch-trc@altarum.org](mailto:mch-trc@altarum.org).

