The Department of Family Medicine of Brown University and Memorial Hospital in conjunction with our local East Bay Community Action Program is pleased to offer a Fellowship in Maternal and Child Health for qualified graduates of Family Medicine Programs.

The fellowship is designed for one or two years with a major emphasis on a community-oriented approach to inpatient and outpatient care of women and their children. Fellows in the two year program can obtain a Masters (MSc, or MPH) in Community Health at Brown University. The fellowship is intended for family physicians who desire intensive training in the areas of obstetrics and newborn care in order to maximize these skills for subsequent medical practice, and for those physicians interested in developing and researching coordinated MCH programs, especially for underserved populations.

GOALS OF PROGRAM

- To provide MCH fellowship training whose graduates will be prepared to organize, direct, and evaluate community-based MCH programs.
- To provide direct clinical services to women and children at high psychosocial and medical risk.
- To train leaders in MCH care who will be well prepared to provide coordinated and comprehensive services to underserved populations in a changing health care environment.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

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Candidates must be graduates of approved family practice residency programs. Selected fellows must obtain medical licensure in the State of Rhode Island and be eligible for Board Certification. The Fellowship extends for one or two years from August 1st until July 31st.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THE MCH FELLOWSHIP

*Please send a curriculum vitae, a personal statement and three letters of recommendation. Selected applicants will be invited to Rhode Island for an interview.

*Applications will be accepted from August 1st - December 1st.
The Department of Family Medicine has worked with a local community health center to establish a model that 1) provides excellent care to a needy patient population; and 2) teaches extensive skills to fellows in Maternal and Child Health care. The health center is staffed by board certified physicians who provide clinical supervision, teaching and shared patient care for our fellows. The health center staff coordinates the clinical care provided by fellows, and the department, in cooperation with the health center staff, coordinates educational training and curricula for fellows.

Since 1991 the Department of Family Medicine has worked with local, federally funded, and non-federally funded community health centers to organize and restructure the maternal and child health care delivery systems for women and children in surrounding underserved communities.

The development of our MCH Fellowship is based on a national need to provide clinical leaders in MCH care who are well trained in the special problems of underserved populations and are prepared to set-up and administer coordinated, community-oriented MCH programs. There is growing recognition in the United States that the problems of infant mortality, prematurity, low birthweight and associated problems of infancy are associated with poverty and require the development of comprehensive, interactive and prevention community-based MCH programs. Developing a program of care which is easily accessible and responsive to health needs of underserved families is a major undertaking in most communities, which requires clinical and administrative leadership not present in many areas. We have developed an MCH fellowship designed to train leaders capable of undertaking these challenges.

1. Fellows coordinate inpatient (labor and delivery postpartum and nursery) care for mothers and infants at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island in Pawtucket, RI. Fellows can anticipate extensive experience with high risk and complicated obstetrics including procedural (prenatal ultrasound) and operative skills (cesarean section, tubal ligation).

2. Fellows coordinate outpatient care for women receiving prenatal care through a Community Health Center working with a multidisciplinary team of health professionals utilizing a case management approach. The fellow learns to coordinate risk assessment activities and programs for those women at high medical or psychosocial risk.

3. At Memorial Hospital on certain designated days the fellow acts as 'Chief' of the MCH service and as such is head of the MCH team consisting of residents and medical students. Fellows run morning rounds at which time all patients are presented to the fellows and the obstetric, pediatric and family medicine faculty. Fellows are responsible for patient care, resident teaching, and the organization of the MCH service.

4. A weekly two hour fellowship seminar emphasizes skills needed to organize special services for underserved MCH populations and introduces fellows to local, state and federal MCH leadership. The seminar provides an exposure to the components of a community-based MCH system such as those of a community health center and its board, special programs for young families, and experience assessing mechanisms of MCH funding necessary to develop and evaluate community perinatal programs.

5. Fellows in the two year program may pursue a Masters degree in Community Health at Brown University. Academic work includes course work in statistics, epidemiology, research techniques, and MCH policy. A scholarly thesis meeting the academic standards of Brown University is required.

1. Fellows share the night time call responsibility of the obstetrics service with other MCH clinical faculty. This call may be from home on beeper. This call averages one weekday per week and one weekend (two days) per month.

2. The annual salary is approximately $58,618, with professional liability insurance coverage provided. The benefits include medical, disability and life insurance. Professional dues are paid to two medical societies or organizations. Four weeks of vacation and one week of CME are provided.

3. The Fellowship can be approved by the AAFP for 150 prescribed hours of CME credit and is accredited by Brown University.

- **FAMILY CARE CENTER** opened in 1975 as a teaching facility and practice base for the Brown Family Medicine Residency Program. The Center's goal is to provide the highest quality of comprehensive and continuous care to patients and their families throughout the life cycle. Patients come mainly from the Blackstone Valley and many of our patients have immigrated from Latin America, Cape Verde, Portugal and West Africa.

- **MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RHODE ISLAND** provides community hospital obstetric services and pediatric services to the Blackstone Valley population in Central Falls and Pawtucket, RI. It is the academic home of Brown Medical School's Department of Family Medicine and serves as the hub of the fellowship's educational activities.