



Maternal and Child Health Access

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## **Job Announcement - Please Post**

### **Coordinator – Part-Time, Temporary Dental Benefits for Low-Income Pregnant Women Project**

**Start date: January 2, 2007**

Maternal and Child Health Access (MCHA) seeks an energetic Part-Time Coordinator to assist in publicizing and monitoring implementation of new dental benefits available to pregnant women on Medi-Cal. Research over the last decade shows a link between gum disease in pregnant women, premature deliveries and low birth-weight newborns and that routine dental cleanings and treatment to halt gum disease may help avoid these outcomes. MCHA wants to be sure that dentists, clinics, OBs and social service agencies who work with pregnant women are aware of the benefits of dental care for pregnant women.

#### **Maternal and Child Health Access**

Since 1990, Maternal and Child Health Access, a community-based organization with a strong history of health education and advocacy in Los Angeles, has provided education and training on issues of access to care, particularly for low-income pregnant women and families, to community agencies and directly to Medi-Cal and other program recipients. MCHA maintains an outreach, case management and health education program for pregnant and parenting women in downtown Los Angeles and an outreach and enrollment program for individuals and families needing health coverage or services, produces materials for use by clinics and agencies, offers technical assistance, advocates for individuals and develops policy analysis on issues that affect the health and well-being of women and families.

#### **The position**

The Coordinator will work closely with the Training and Education Director and the Executive Director to:

- Provide information on new dental benefits to organizations and provider groups, including distribution of a poster developed in English and Spanish
- Conduct trainings on the dental benefits expansion and collect questions and concerns about the dental expansion
- Monitor increases in the number of dental visits
- Provide letters and policy feedback
- Provide Technical Assistance by phone and e-mail to providers and others

## Qualifications

College graduate or equivalent experience  
Interest in dental care for low-income populations

Outgoing and able to speak comfortably to both large and small groups  
E-mail and Internet proficient  
Able to handle multiple tasks simultaneously in a busy environment  
Own transportation - car and insurance - required  
Detail-oriented, dependable, responsible, organized and able to prioritize assignments  
Good writing, spelling and communication skills

Hours: Variable up to 20 weekly or average 20 weekly over several weeks, from Jan. '07 through June '07 . The position is grant-funded and may be renewed or extended

Salary: Depends on qualifications, plus benefits. Parking provided

Application deadline: Until filled. Position begins January, 2007.

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MCHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer; women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.