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Welcome Baby! **Parent Coaches, Level I**

Welcome Baby! is a five-year home visitation pilot program for pregnant and postpartum women and their families near downtown Los Angeles, funded by First 5 LA. It is one component of Best Start LA, a 5-year project focused on increasing the number of children who achieve appropriate social, emotional, cognitive, language, physical and motor development milestones to the best of their potential. Best Start LA will also focus on engaging all elements of a community in creating a "baby and toddler friendly" environment. *Welcome Baby!* is a partnership among California Hospital Medical Center, providing administrative and technical support, Maternal and Child Health Access overseeing programmatic aspects and a coalition of community partner agencies.

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; and 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.

Position Description: The Parent Coaches will conduct visits during the prenatal and postpartum period and will be responsible for supporting families, conducting assessments and providing primary parent education in the areas of breastfeeding, child development and home safety and security. They refer families to community-based supports, as needed.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, TRAINING:

Education: AA degree preferred.

Specialized Training:

Child Development Associate (CDA) certification preferred.

Willingness and ability to be trained as Certified Lactation Educator, if not currently certified.

Position Requirements:

- Ability to function as a member of an interdisciplinary team.
- Ability to promote bonding and attachment between infant-mother.
- Experience working with low-income families and families from diverse age, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

- Empathy, warmth, and the ability to establish trusting supportive relationships with an ethnically diverse population.
- Skill in care coordination.
- Skill in organizing and maintaining accurate records.
- Skill in writing to articulate concepts and ideas in notes and reports.
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) strongly preferred.
- Knowledgeable about local community resources and able to refer families to appropriate agencies.
- Specialized training as community health promoter/*promotora* or home visitor a plus
- Valid driver's license, reliable automobile and car insurance
- Preference will be given to applicants from the designated pilot community for the project, in and around the boundaries of Jefferson Blvd., Olympic Blvd., Normandie and San Pedro.

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

To apply, please send your resume to:

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