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Maternal and Child Health Access

Lynn Kersey (M.A./M.P.H. '85) (*inset*), who graduated from the school's joint M.P.H. and M.A. in Latin American Studies program, went on to found Maternal and Child Health Access, a community-based organization in Downtown Los Angeles. Kersey serves as executive director of the organization, which is dedicated to ensuring meaningful access to health and social services for low-income women and their families through direct services, such as support and education programs and assisting with health insurance coverage; technical assistance to other organizations; and advocacy.



Kersey continues to work closely with both faculty and students at the school. "UCLA has provided exceptional graduate student interns who have conducted projects with county, statewide and even national impact," she says. "Former professors are now sources for technical assistance and professional exchange for our programs, and our agency serves as a community reality check for some of the work they do." Kersey helped to launch a child advocacy fellowship program at the school, and has taught a child health advocacy course as well as guest-lecturing annually in several classes.

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When SPH faculty and students work in tandem with agencies on the ground to address public health concerns, everyone wins.