

The primary mentor is chief of the Family and Community Health Services division, Ohio Department of Health. The bureaus within it include child/family health, children with special health care needs, oral health, WIC, school/adolescent health, early intervention, and data and budget. For program listings see <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/index.asp> for added information. The division sponsors PRAMS and YRBS surveys and is promoting Perinatal Periods of Risk through ongoing work groups statewide and the Fellow will be able to participate in activities of these programs.

The secondary mentor has ten years' experience heading the agency's Center for Vital and Health Statistics. Accomplishments include developing and implementing data sharing between the agency, the state hospital association, and the state Medicaid program; developing a minority health data unit that has published several reports on access, insurance, risk factors, etc.; implemented the Ohio Family Health Survey (collaborative project); and collected, analyzed, and published data related to hospitalizations, long term care, nursing homes.

Day-to-day activities for the Fellow will include a major focus on data integration, addressing a need expressed by most members of the division leadership team. Fellow activities in this area would include assessing data integration opportunities, researching successful data integration models from other organizations for applicability, and developing recommendations for implementation. Other potential projects and activities include the following:

- For a CDC—supported initiative in birth defects surveillance, develop and pilot (for a multi-county area) a birth defects information system.
- For new MCH block grant state performance measures (not yet adopted; might include child obesity, domestic violence, mental health, access areas), develop data collection plans as needed.
- Through a cooperative arrangement with the department's Prevention division and the state epidemiologist, participate actively in one or more outbreak investigations. Participate in desktop exercises and other elements of Ohio's emergency preparedness plan and the Division's school emergency planning initiatives. Participate in the monthly project managers ODH BT Steering Committee Meeting.
- Assist in division efforts to match effective program interventions with identified needs. Assess and assure adequacy of program evaluation components.
- In concert with the department's communications plan (under development), assess the adequacy of existing data dissemination activities in meeting the needs of our customers. Review program data and activities for possible suitable MCH messages.

Assignment Location: Columbus, Ohio

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