Site/Project ID Number: VRHA 001
Title of Project: Maternal Health among African-American Women in Rural VA
Status: accepting applications

Maternal Health among African-American Women in Rural Virginia

Project Description:	The student will perform an analysis of the disparities in maternal health outcomes for African-American women and infants in Southside Virginia. The analysis will review teen pregnancy rates, maternal death rates, low birth weight babies, the percentage of women receiving prenatal care in the first trimester, and demographic information such as household income and educational attainment. A review of best practices of programs and policies to address those disparities will consider what programs and policies could directly address the Healthy People 2030 objectives for pregnancy and childbirth. Recommendations for programs and policies to be implemented in Virginia will analyze which of the identified best practices are feasible for implementation in Southside Virginia and most likely to be sustained long-term. Finally, a fiscal analysis of those recommendations will determine the cost of implementation and which of the recommended policies have the greatest return on investment. The student will assist in the development of: • a final policy paper, • single page policy brief, • financial impact statement, and • PowerPoint slides suitable for presentation as a webinar or in person.
Project Duration:	200–250 hours
Special Skill(s):	The student should possess the ability to: • interpret results of data analysis to put public health research into practice; • assess population needs, assets, and capacities that affect health; and • communicate public health recommendations into formats easily grasped by the general public
Additional Eligibility Requirement(s):	Please submit a résumé or CV with your application.
Agency/Organization:	Virginia Rural Health Association
Location:	All work will be done remotely.
Site Supervisor:	Beth O'Connor, Executive Director
Application Due Date:	rolling