

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Newsletter of FIU's Maternal and Child Health Training Program

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accepting submissions
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HRSA Investment to Combat Maternal Health Crisis

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has announced an *investment of \$90 million* to improve maternal and infant health outcomes. The funding will go towards taking action on the Biden-Harris Administration's White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis.

The Blueprint outlines five key goals:

1. Increase access to and coverage of high-quality maternal health services, including behavioral health services.
2. Ensure that individuals giving birth have a voice and play a role in accountable care systems.
3. Advance data collection, standardization, transparency, research, and analysis in maternal health.
4. Expand and diversify the perinatal workforce to provide comprehensive care.
5. Strengthen economic and social support systems for individuals before, during, and after pregnancy.

Link for more information on the [press release](#).

Volunteer & Fellowship Opportunities

Readingpals Literacy Volunteers

The Children's Movement of Florida is currently recruiting volunteer tutors for the 2023-2024 school year. Join us to eliminate the reading gap and strengthen lives through the power of literacy and mentorship!



For more info: <https://www.upliftliteracy.org/readingpals>

Nicklaus Children's Hospital Toy Drive

Support patients from Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation this holiday season by donating toys or purchasing from their [Amazon Wish list](#). All donated items must be new and unwrapped. The toy donation drop-off will be held on **Saturday, December 16, 2023.**

For more info: <https://give.nicklauschildrens.org/ways-to-give/donate-items/toy-drive>



Health Effect Fellowship

The Health Effect is designed to develop educational, advocacy and leadership skills to advance the health and wellbeing of children in Miami-Dade public schools. This is a FIU research-based intervention program focused on youth development.

Open to all MPH students

Award: \$5000 per academic year

For more information:

<https://stempel.fiu.edu/students/funding-your-education/>





MCH Alumni Spotlight

Jasmine Jones is a Spring 2023 MCH MPH graduate who interned internationally at the African Population Health Research Center (APHRC) in Nairobi, Kenya, a research institution that generates evidence to drive policy action to improve the health and wellbeing of African people. As an intern, Jasmine contributed to “The INSPIRE network project” to build a data science platform for integration and harmonization of longitudinal data on mental health in East Africa. The ultimate goal of Jasmine’s work was to help better understand the burden of mental health illness in Africa in order to facilitate policy change and increase investment in mental health programs in the region. Thank you, Jasmine, for representing the FIU MCH program with distinction and making us proud!



APHRC Headquarters



Jasmine and the APHRC team