Practicum Experiences

Students enrolled in the MCH Certificate Program are **required** to complete an MCH-related **practicum experience**. Below are some of the practicum experiences that students enrolled in the MCH Certificate Program have completed.

**Organization**: Motherhood Beyond Bars  
**Location**: Atlanta, GA  
**Project Description**:

- Conducted child birth education and social support through group discussions to pregnant women at Helms Prison under the Georgia Department of Corrections  
- Reviewed curriculum used for the postpartum education at Lee Arrendale State Prison

**Organization**: International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).  
**Location**: Nairobi, Kenya  
**Project Description**:

- Inform the development of program activities including gender strategies and nutrition and health programming  
- Worked to improve food security and reduce poverty and undernutrition through research for better and more sustainable use of livestock

**Organization**: Families First Health and Support Center  
**Location**: Seabrook, NH  
**Project Description**:

- Provided education and support to parents and young children ages 1-3  
- Assisted the prenatal program with intake procedures and data entry for patient satisfaction surveys  
- Provided education and support for patients to register for the clinic's Patient-Centered Medical Home guidelines online patient portal  
- Assisted the nursing/primary care department with patient outreach activities.

**Organization**: Emory Farmworker Project  
**Location**: Valdosta, GA; Bainbridge, GA  
**Project Description**:

- Created educational tools that addressed domestic violence, screening, and available resources for the female migrant farmworker population

**Organization**: IMA World Health  
**Location**: Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)  
**Project Description**:

- IMA World Health operates its Projet d’Accès aux Soins de Santé Primaire (ASSP) [Access to Primary Health Care Project]  
- Understand community attitudes and perceptions of Movie Night health messaging and media in order to provide information on future film plots or needed modifications to be made prior to scale-up in other provinces that ASSP serves  
- Movie Night consisted of videos about malaria, girls' education, and early marriage

**Organization**: New Jersey Department of Health Family Health Services  
**Location**: Trenton, NJ
**Project Description:**

- Developed statewide Zika Prevention Kit (ZPK) Distribution Plan for Pregnant Women
- Determined the ZPK contents, identified critical populations and sites for dissemination, developed education materials and resources for providers and pregnant women who would be receiving the kits, assembled the kits, created a tracking tool for the allocation and distribution of the ZPKs

**Organization:** University of São Paulo  
**Location:** São Paulo, Brazil

**Project Description:**

- Conducted in-depth interviews with women between the ages of 18-45 living in São Paulo to assess their perceptions and knowledge about Zika, their perceived risk of contracting Zika, and assess if this will affect their attitudes and behavior toward family planning

**Organization:** Emory School of Medicine Jane Fonda Center  
**Location:** Atlanta, GA

**Project Description:**

- Primary point of data collection for a clinic-based, dual-protection of STDs and unintended pregnancy intervention for adolescent girls at Grady Hospital

**Organization:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, Applied Research and Translation Team  
**Location:** Atlanta, GA

**Project Description:**

- Conducted research through systematic reviews to inform and create, with the goal of publishing once through CDC clearance, a factsheet on the implications of hypertension in pregnancy  
- Factsheet identified the significance of the issue along with ways to outline and develop effective interventions that are both culturally and linguistically appropriate to target the most disadvantaged priority populations and ultimately produce more promising, equitable health outcomes

**Organization:** Stand for Vulnerable Organization (SVO): The Algae-Duckweek Innovation (ADI) Project  
**Location:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Project Description:**

- Empower local women through livestock livelihoods, entrepreneurship, and ongoing nutrition, health behavior, and WASH education  
- Worked to enrich the educational component of the project through a focus on curriculum development  
- Note: This project was a trilateral partnership between Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and SVO