

# Maternal and Child Health

Bringing the health needs of women, children, and families to the forefront.



## Spring 2023 Events

**MATERNAL AND CHILD  
HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL**

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**UNC GILLINGS FIELD TRIP**

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**SPEED NETWORKING  
EVENT**

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## *Why Maternal and Child Health?*

Maternal and child health (MCH) focuses on health issues concerning women, birthing people, children, and families, such as reproductive health, access to prenatal and well-childcare, quality of care before delivery and after giving birth, infant and maternal mortality prevention, newborn screening, child immunizations, child nutrition and services, and services for children with special healthcare needs.

Our goal is to increase awareness of MCH issues and to demonstrate the chasm in access to maternal and child healthcare in the US. This chasm results in persistent health inequities among women, birthing people, children, and their families from rural, historically marginalized racial/ethnic groups, and socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds.



MCH-STEP program members attended the MCH Film Festival at the Black Box Theater on February 16th. This film festival presented the films "America's War on Abortion" and "Reclaiming Power: The Black Maternal Health Crisis."



Cohort 1 of the MCH-STEP program traveled to the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health to learn and network with the Department of Maternal and Child Health.



MCH-Scholars had the opportunity to connect with Professors and Community members at the Speed Networking Event on April 5th, 2023.

## Scholar Highlights



Megan Long was accepted to East Carolina University and UNC Chapel Hill for graduate school.



Natalia Figueroa- Bernal received a University Research and Creative Activities award during the Spring 2023 semester.



Lindsay McCoy was accepted into East Carolina University's Master's of Advanced Standing Social Work Program.



Leslie Osorio Pascual was accepted to ECU's Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology program.



Simona Adhikari received an University Research and Creative Award and the HHP Pilot Research Grant for her research in Spring 2023.



Faith Bell was accepted into ECU's Master's of Advanced Standing Social Work Program and accepted a position at Beaufort County DSS as a Social Worker I&A/T III in the foster care unit.



Nylia Jeffreys was voted President of the Bachelor of Social Work Student Association and received a summer internship offer from NC Child located in Raleigh, NC.