



## Supporting current leaders in maternal and child health

The Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health (MCH) works with numerous organizations and institutions throughout the U.S. to support current leaders in MCH. In addition to the extensive support offered by our faculty and students, some notable projects include:

- The Maternal Health Task Force (MHTF) works to ensure that leaders in the field have access to the most current, evidence-based research through the MH Buzz, a bi-weekly newsletter sharing the top 5 most significant research articles. To sign up, visit [www.mhtf.org](http://www.mhtf.org)
- A yearly joint-webinar open to the public on emerging MCH topics with Boston University
- An ongoing MCH seminar open to both students and professionals

## Ground breaking research

We are committed to increasing scientific knowledge of health issues faced by mothers and children. Our research focuses on:

- Fetal programming of neurodevelopment problems
- The long-term effects of prematurity on neurodevelopment
- The long-term impact of childhood homelessness
- Childhood obesity prevention
- Reducing neonatal mortality

**Students may inquire about our current research opportunities.**

## Connect with us!

Prospective Harvard students or current maternal and child health professionals seeking ongoing training to improve the lives of mothers and children are encouraged to contact Harvard's Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health.



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## Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health



**&  
Interdisciplinary  
Concentration**

## We are a Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health

As one of just 13 HRSA-funded Centers of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health (MCH) in the U.S., Harvard draws on its tradition of excellence to train future leaders in the field. Through the Center, we conduct research that seeks to deepen our understanding of issues affecting maternal and child health; offer training to public health students and professionals; and provide support and technical assistance to Title V and other MCH organizations with the mission to improve the lives of mothers, children, and families.

## Training the next generation of leaders

Our Center offers Harvard students the opportunity to complete a concentration in maternal and child health. Completing the concentration provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the field and allows students to participate in the exciting research and community projects offered by the Center.

The concentration is open to master's and doctoral degree students.

### Students who wish to concentrate in MCH concentration

- 6.25 – 8.75 credit hours in MCH depending on the degree program
- SBS 360, the Maternal and Child Health Seminar, and SBS 246, Issues in Maternal and Child Health Programs and Policies
- A practicum, DELTA project, or thesis within MCH

All students who concentrate in MCH will receive a certificate of completion upon graduation.



## Other opportunities

### • MCH Leadership Lab

Competitive tuition funding and mentorship through the Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health and the Martha May Eliot Endowment. Concentration students have the opportunity to apply in the Fall.

### • CDC Evaluation Winter Session Course

Selected students will travel to the CDC's main campus in Atlanta to receive in-depth training on program evaluation. Students will then be matched with a program site within the U.S. to complete an evaluation project. We also hold a summer practicum in which selected students travel to the program sites and conduct evaluation implementation.

## Maternal and Child Health Concentration Faculty

Listed below are some of our highlighted faculty members. For a complete list, please visit our website.

### Henning Tiemeier, MD, PhD

Dr. Tiemeier is the Sumner and Esther Feldberg Chair of Maternal and Child Health and Associate Chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Health. His research interests center on pre- and post-natal risk factors and neurodevelopmental outcomes.



### David Williams, PhD

Dr. Williams is an internationally recognized social scientist focused on social influences on health. He is Chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Health and has a strong track record in attracting a diverse body of students.



### Mary Travis Bassett, MD, MPH

Dr. Bassett is Director of the Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights. Before her role as Director, she served for four years as commissioner of Health for New York City. Her research focuses on advancing health equity.

