

Research, Evaluation, and Planning Unit (REP)

Program Description

The goal of the Research, Evaluation, and Planning (REP) Program is to assist MCAH Programs to improve the health of mothers, children, and their families in Los Angeles County through quality assurance and research that utilizes current information technology. The unit has two components. The *Research and Evaluation Division* monitors trends, assesses data availability and reviews research relevant to maternal, child and adolescent health. In addition, the unit assists the MCAH Programs to identify priority needs, design evaluation systems to measure the impact of MCAH programs, make recommendations to increase program efficiency and effectiveness, and provide information to community partners. The *Information Systems Division* functions as the principal information technology support for MCAH Programs including Network Administration, Help Desk Support, Computer Hardware Support and Maintenance, Database Development, Mapping (Map Info), Web Page Design, and Technical Support in Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, and WordPerfect.

Important Things to Know

- REP implements the Los Angeles Mommy and Baby Survey (LAMB) Project to provide data on pre/inter-conceptual health (e.g. access to care, maternal health history), prenatal care (prenatal care satisfaction, utilization, and content), maternal medical conditions during pregnancy, psychosocial risk factors (e.g., stressful life events, food insecurity, neighborhood safety) and behavioral risk factors (e.g., alcohol, drug, and tobacco use). For more information about the survey, please call 1-866-706-LAMB.
- REP is also responsible for generating the Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP) Report which is used to develop evidence-based policy, maximizing resource allocation and prioritizing intervention efforts that have the greatest impact on the well being of mothers and infants in Los Angeles County.

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