

The MCHB and CDC are offering a Training Course in MCH Epidemiology as part of their ongoing effort to enhance the analytic capacity of state and local health agencies. This national program is aimed primarily at professionals in state and local health departments who have significant responsibility for collecting, processing, analyzing, and reporting maternal and child health data. Faculty members working with state MCH departments also are eligible for the course. While some review is provided, the course is geared to individuals with at least moderate skills in using statistical and epidemiologic methods, preferably in maternal and child health or a related field.

The training curriculum is designed to build conceptual, technical, and analytic skills for using data effectively, and focuses on applications that are relevant to the day-to-day work of participants. The training is an intensive five-day program, combining lectures, discussion, and hands-on exercises. The course will be held from Monday afternoon, May 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday afternoon, May 14<sup>th</sup> in Chicago IL.

**MCHB will pay for the lodging, breakfast, and luncheon costs of trainees. A limited number of scholarships for airfare are available.**

Go to [www.positiveoutcomes.net](http://www.positiveoutcomes.net) to complete an online application.

STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES: The application must be accompanied by a letter from your state MCH director indicating that he or she is aware that you are applying for the training course. This letter helps to foster communication between state MCH directors and data analysts.

Completed applications must be submitted to Positive Outcomes, Inc. by **5 pm EST, February 26, 2010** to:

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