

## **RESEARCH COORDINATOR POSITIONS FOR THE “FIRST BABY STUDY”**

Researchers at the Penn State College of Medicine are offering a unique opportunity for two or three individuals to serve as recruiters for an NIH funded research study in the Lancaster area. The First Baby Study (FBS) is a family growth research project looking at women’s health during and after first delivery. The study is currently taking place at seven area hospitals including Lancaster General Women and Babies Hospital. The goal of this study is to improve the quality of care that women receive during their childbearing years. Three-thousand first-time mothers will be recruited into the study (700 from the Lancaster area) and will be interviewed 8 times over the course of three years. The Penn State Harrisburg Center for Survey Research will conduct the telephone interviews with the women – at 34 weeks gestation, 1 month post delivery, and at 6, 12, 18, 24, 30 and 36 months after delivery.

The investigators are looking for nursing students who are interested in women’s health to help coordinate this project here in the Lancaster area. The FBS Research Coordinators will be responsible for distributing brochures and hanging flyers, visiting doctor's offices and prenatal classes, screening participants for eligibility, explaining the consent form and obtaining participant signature on the consent, collecting contact information from the participant, faxing a copy of the contact information and the signed consent form to Hershey, securing the original forms at the Lancaster General Hospital, and providing weekly progress reports.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Research Coordinator for the First Baby Study, please call or forward your contact information to the project manager:

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