



Maternal and Child Health Access

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SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, January 30, 2017, 9am - 4pm Echo parenting "Working with Childhood Trauma" Facilitated by Michelle Kurta & Michael Place. Held at the California Endowment, register [here](#)

RESOURCES:

Next MCH Access Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, January 19, 2017

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

LOCATION:

MCH Access

Patricia Phillips Community Room

1111 W. 6th St., 3rd Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90017

(6th St., and Bixel St.)

SPEAKER/TOPIC:

Nancy Gomez, Southern California Program Director

Health Access:

The ACA and efforts to repeal and state budget update

The End of the Maximum Family Grant Rule - Andrew Kazakes, Legal Aid Foundation's Economic Stability Workgroup

What does this mean for your clients and reinstating children to CalWORKS if needed?

Updates



PARKING:

Free at MCH Access; enter on 5th St. to 2-story parking (between Lucas and Bixel) and walk across the alley to our building.

Please contact our office with any questions regarding this email or visit our [website](#) for further information about our organization.

Mental Health Services in Medi-Cal The National Health Law Program published and posted on their website this month, "[Mental Health Services in Medi-Cal](#)"

This paper examines the legal framework that governs the scope of mental health services available in Medi-Cal and the delivery system that is responsible for ensuring beneficiaries receive those services. It also makes recommendations about how California can better coordinate between delivery systems to ensure that all beneficiaries receive the full scope of mental health services to which they are entitled.

Employment

Please click on the job title you are interested in to view the full job description and the application process. And provide a cover letter and current resume with your application that specifically outlines your employment history experience and educational background for which you're applying.

- [Outreach Specialist - Welcome Baby Program](#)
- [Parent Coach - Welcome Baby Program](#)
- [CalFRESH \(formerly known as Food Stamps\) Advocate](#)

MCHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer; women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

From the meeting November 17, 2016 (no meeting in December: see handouts [HERE](#))

Miriam Erdosi, MSW, MCH Director, March of Dimes, Greater LA Market.

"Prematurity Campaign: New 2020 and 2030 Goals"

November 17 coincided with National Prematurity Day and the release of the March of Dimes (MOD) 2016 Premature Birth Report Card. Ms. Erdosi gave an update on the preterm birth rate and release of the MOD preterm birth report card and talked about the national strategies to reduce preterm birth.

Nationally, the US preterm birth rate is 9.6% for 2015; this averages out to a "C" grade, while California is at a "B" grade. The 2020 preterm rate goal is 8.1% nationally; California is currently at 8.47%. With just 5 fewer preterm births every day, we could meet the 2020 goal. Los Angeles is one of 10 counties contributing to at least 3% of preterm births in California. However, the preterm rate among Black women is 47% higher than the rate among all other women. Ms. Erdosi presented the MOD "disparity index" showing the average percent difference in the preterm birth rate across all groups compared to the group with the lowest rate in the state. California comes out 22nd among the 50 states.

Comparisons among preterm birth rates in hospitals, by racial and ethnic and other measures, were also presented. However, one has to be careful in making these comparisons as risk factors are unknown except for race.

The interventions developed are:

1. Reducing non-medically indicated (elective) deliveries.
2. Increasing use of progesterone for women with a history or prior preterm birth.
3. Reducing tobacco use among pregnant women.
4. Encouraging women to space pregnancies at least 18 months apart.
5. Expanding group prenatal care.
6. Increasing use of low-dose aspirin to prevent preeclampsia.
7. Advancing interventions for women diagnosed with a short cervix.
8. Reducing multiple births conceived through Assisted Reproductive Technology.

Birth spacing of at least 18 months between births is one of the most important - one third of all US births are spaced less than 18 months apart. Improved birth spacing is a Healthy People 2020 and an ACOG goal. As a strategy, MOD has embraced the "one key question" ACOG initiative: "Would you like to become pregnant in the next year" with contraception and counseling offered. The

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"Every woman every time" initiative seeks to take advantage of opportunities to provide evidence-based preventive care.

Ms. Erdosi also covered the March of Dimes 2016 Advocacy Priorities and Successes, and ended with a request to attend Capitol Day on May 23, 2017. This is the MOD's day for advocacy priorities at the Capitol with volunteers from across the state. The 17th annual birth conference, "Improving Maternal and Neonatal Outcomes" will be March 13-14 in Costa Mesa, CA.

Immigration Fears - Know Your Rights

Everyone has certain basic rights, no matter who is president for English with links to Spanish, Chinese (traditional and simplified), Arabic and Korean!

For questions about acquiring and using a driver's license:

After the presidential election, many questions have come up, including the impact on AB 60 licenses as well as the security of AB 60 license information.

AB 60 has changed lives across California. As of September 2016, over 778,000 people have received AB 60 licenses. That's almost as many people as the population of San Francisco! Many Californians are now driving with an AB 60 license to meet their basic needs, like driving their children to school, driving their loved ones to the hospital, and going to work.

Please share the latest resource from the Drive California Coalition and CIPC on AB 60 Driver's License and Post-Election Know Your Rights in **English** and **Spanish**.

For more information, please visit the Drive California Coalition website (www.driveca.org)

CalWORKs Maximum Family Grant rule ended 1-1-17

Families whose children were denied aid because of this rule should have seen an increase in their grant amount. Or if a new baby arrives after 1-1-17, the baby may be aided. CalFresh benefits may drop slightly because of the increased cash grant. If your client did not get an expected increase, s/he should contact Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles at 800-399-4529.

New Since Meeting of

Nov. 17, 2016:

MCAP and Medi-Cal Updates for Pregnant Women

Good news that access to mental health is spelled out for fee-for-service Medi-Cal (213% program)!!

See the link for the full update; too long to list here. It is also posted on our website. Updates include:

Key updates:

- Scope of Medi-Cal during pregnancy
- Young women's parental "income disregard" program
- PE Prenatal Gateway:
- Newborn Hospital Gateway
- "Regular" (fee-for-service) Medi-Cal coverage for women enrolling in MCAP

See full document [HERE](#).

GOOD NEWS: Added Breast and Cervical Cancer Coverage to BCCTP Program

January 9, 2017

Effective January 1, 2017, Assembly Bill 1795 (Chapter 608, Statutes of 2016) provides that an individual who is diagnosed with a recurrence of breast or cervical cancer will be granted an additional, covered treatment period. A recurrence of breast or cervical cancer may be in the original cancer site or a different cancer site. Prior to January 1, 2017, individuals diagnosed with a recurrence of breast or cervical cancer would not qualify for an additional coverage period. This is an important change for individuals who have exhausted their initial coverage period.

The individual must meet all applicable eligibility requirements to receive an additional period of cancer and cancer-related treatment coverage. As of January 1, 2017, Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) enrolling providers can enroll applications for state-funded BCCTP eligibility for beneficiaries who have exhausted their first period of eligibility, but are still in need of treatment or have a new or subsequent diagnosis.

Individuals who are currently active in the state-funded BCCTP program will receive a notice with a physician statement and certification form to be completed by their treating doctor prior to the end of their initial eligibility period. (So make sure women/men are aware if they are nearing end of their 18-month breast cancer treatment or 24-month cervical cancer treatment coverage and still need treatment.)

This new streamlined process will establish a new coverage period without the need to submit a new BCCTP application for those individuals who continue treatment after exhausting their initial coverage period. Individuals whose BCCTP benefits expired in the past and have had a break in coverage will need to submit a BCCTP application for a new eligibility determination.

For questions or assistance, providers may email BCCTP at: BCCTP@dhcs.ca.gov. Providers should include specific questions and their preferred method of contact. If the general public needs information about BCCTP, refer them to 1-800-824-0088.

Los Angeles tops the nation in chronically homeless people, federal report finds
Nov 16, 2016

For the second year in a row, Los Angeles reported the largest number of chronically homeless people in the nation - nearly 13,000 - and 95% of them live outdoors, in cars, tents and encampments, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's report to Congress released Wednesday. Read more [here](#).

And in a related action, Dec. 6, 2016

Quarter-cent sales tax measure to aid L.A. County homeless is placed on March ballot.

A unanimous vote by the Board of Supervisors placed a quarter-cent sales tax proposal on the March ballot to fund homeless programs. If it gains the 2/3 majority required, it is expected to raise about \$355 million a YEAR over its 10-year period. Nearly 100 speakers spoke in favor of the tax. Read more [here](#)

Monday, Jan. 23, 10:30 AM Hearing on "Crisis Pregnancy Centers"

The Health Committee of the LA City Council is holding a hearing on false advertising by anti-choice crisis pregnancy centers, facilities that use lies and manipulation to block women from accessing abortion care. Join the National Abortion Rights Action League to pressure the City Council and City Attorney to investigate false advertising by CPCs in LA and hold violators accountable.

When: Monday, January 23rd, 10:30 AM

Where: LA City Hall, 200 North Spring St.

Background:

NARAL has been working to hold anti-choice CPCs accountable for their deceptive tactics. CPCs masquerade as legitimate clinics, and place advertisements like this to make people think they can get an abortion when all they are going to get is medical misinformation and shaming.

Only two cities in the country have passed laws creating specific penalties for this kind of false advertising by CPCs: San Francisco and Oakland. LA has been a leader in enforcing NARAL's statewide law requiring CPCs to share reproductive health information. We want them to take the next steps by

investigating these false advertising practices and holding CPCs accountable for lying to women. This would be a groundbreaking effort to put CPCs on the defense and protect consumers from their devious approach. We need to show the City Council and City Attorney that there is a groundswell of support for them to take public action. Members of the public can speak for 1-2 minutes depending how many people are in attendance. We will send you talking points and can help with your statement. If you don't want to speak, you can just attend to help us show visible support for this important action.

Diverse Women in Clinical Trials Campaign

The FDA Office of Women's Health (OWH) is partnering with the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health to initiate a **Diverse Women in Clinical Trials Campaign (DWCT)**. The campaign's goal is to raise the awareness of the importance for women of different ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, and health conditions to participate in clinical trials. Medical products may not affect men and women in the same way; women may have different side effects. It is critical that diverse women participate in clinical trials to show if products are safe and effective for women. The Diverse Women in Clinical Trials Initiative includes a consumer awareness campaign, as well as, resources and workshops for health professionals and researchers.

How you can help...click [here](#). Send out an article or announcement via your newsletter, magazine or social media channels (Pre-drafted messages are available.) Incorporate our free Campaign materials into your existing activities and events. Host a webinar or outreach event.

Use the NIH Outreach Toolkit to encourage recruitment of women in clinical research

Diverse Women in Clinical Trials Resources:

- [Women in Clinical Trials Fact Sheet \(English\)](#)
- and [Women in Clinical Trials Fact Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)

Thanks so much in advance for your help!

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[CT Campaign Collaboration Form - 2016h](#)

Don't Answer, Don't Update! Handheld cell use illegal while driving

Eight out of ten accidents involve inattentive driving, and talking or texting on a mobile phone are the top sources of driver distractions. And while it takes some discipline in this hyper-connected world to not pick up that incoming call, he said very often, those "urgent" messages can wait. Read more [here](#).

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