



Maternal and Child Health Access

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SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, January 22,
2014 - 1:00pm-3:00pm
"Guns and Domestic
Violence" The California
Endowment, Yosemite B
Room The Violence
Prevention Coalition will be
convening a Coalition-wide
meeting to share information
on L.A. City's policies and
priorities regarding the

Next MCH Access Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014

10am - 12pm

LOCATION:

MCH Access

Patricia Phillips Community Room
1111 W. 6th St., 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(6th St., and Bixel St.)

SPEAKER/TOPIC:

It's 2014!

Governor's Budget Proposal
Pregnant Women's Coverage
New Program Chart

First meeting of 2014!

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

RSVP now

Please contact our office with any questions regarding this email
or visit our website for further information about our
organization.

Summary of Nov. 21, 2013 meeting

Guest Speaker: Patricia Herrera M.S., Project Director,
Developmental Screening and Care Coordination - 211 LA
County, on the Developmental Screening and Care
Coordination Project at 211 for children birth to five years of
age

Ms. Herrera first established the background of 211 for participants - it has been an
established non-profit since 1981, with services available 24/7 and in over 140
languages. 211 reaches children and families with the lowest income, highest risk

lethal impact of guns on domestic violence situations. This convening will feature a panel of experts including the L.A. City Attorney's Office, the L.A. County District Attorney's Office and front-line providers on the connection between guns and domestic violence, and the impact of gun violence and gun trauma in domestic violence situations. *Free and open to all, but RSVP is required by 1/15/14. Priority registration for VPC and DV Task Force members.* To RSVP, click here or contact Daniel Healy at daniel@vpcgla.org or (213) 346-3265.

Monday, Jan. 27, 8 AM - 12 noon Reproductive Health and the Environment: Best Practices for Los Angeles County Conference is set for January 27th, 2014, at the California Endowment in Downtown Los Angeles. The conference brings together health professionals, community activists, researchers, academicians, civic and business leaders, politicians, and government officials to learn about best practices related to research, policy, and community advocacy. RSVP [HERE](#).

Monday, February 3, 2014 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Safe Infant Sleep and Breastfeeding - Breastfeed LA Long Beach Memorial Medical Center Long Beach, CA We are excited to welcome Dr. James McKenna, who will present his research on

factors and fewest resources. 500,000 families and individuals use 211 every year - over 40,000 each month.

Early intervention to identify issues and refer children to treatment matters because less than 30% of children with disabilities are identified before entering school. Children most often missed for screening are in foster care, homeless, or from poor ethnic minority families. Less than 15% of pediatricians conduct developmental screenings before age three. Early intervention increases school success, reduces special education and healthcare costs.

The project started in 2008 with 211's "warm line" for screening children funded by First5 LA. Other funders came forward in 2009 - to currently. The main components of the program are: Screening, Care Coordination, Data Collection and Systems Improvement.

In a year, of more than 85,000 calls from people with children 0-5, 12% were offered screening, 62% of those accepted (over 6000 - most with "no stated concern") and 48% of those met the criteria for a Care Coordinator, over 3,000.

A different series of numbers, from 2009 to 2013, showed that of almost 9,000 screenings done, 15% were at positive risk for autism, 21% were at high risk for a developmental problem and 15% had special health care needs. Care Coordinators locate, refer, broker, monitor, expedite, provide advocacy and coordinate fragmented services offered by professionals and organizations from different disciplines. They also provide information and coaching to parents/caregivers on navigating the service system. MOUs are in place with 40+ organizations to care coordinate.

211 and its policy partners are seeking multiple policy fixes, including Medi-Cal payment for phone screening and referral to care coordination and incorporation into autism strategic plan for the state.

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Eligibility Updates - Liz Ramirez, Director of Training

Healthy Kids update: Healthy Kids is rescreening members during their recertification for potential Covered California eligibility - those with Satisfactory Immigration Status who are over 250% poverty; otherwise they would be in Medi-Cal. Members get a letter and list of Frequently Asked Questions. The documents are posted on our [website](#) under "Programs for Children and Youth".

The Los Angeles County DHS is considering increasing the federal poverty level to 138% for the **Ability to Pay** program, but that is not in place yet. Lynn Kersey noted that thousands of **Low Income Health Program** enrollees statewide, nearly all those in Healthy Families in Los Angeles, received incorrect information about their transition to Medi-Cal for January 1. The state's contractor Maximus sent out letters Nov. 1, 2013, telling people that they're community provider was not a part of a Medi-Cal managed care network. Corrected letters were sent soon after with information in bold, "Corrected Information About Your Health Care Coverage! Your primary doctor or clinic does work with Medi-Cal managed care, so you can keep seeing them for your care." For questions, contact Liz Ramirez at MCHA.

A "Health-e-App Closure Notice" was recently sent to all users: "This notice is to inform ALL Health-e-App users that this online application (Health-e-App)

mother-baby sleep at our first seminar of 2014.

[Register](#) | [Download Brochure](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Girl Rising - film and discussion. Ann and Jerry Moss Theater at New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd, Santa Monica. Tickets: General \$18, Students \$5 Girl Rising spotlights remarkable stories of girls around the world overcoming nearly insurmountable odds to achieve their dreams. 6:30 p.m. Doors open, 7:00 p.m. film screening and discussion 8:30 p.m. refreshments. Seating is first-come, first-served. Tickets [HERE](#).

RESOURCES

New Health Care Monthly Countable Income Comparison Chart - click [HERE](#) for up-to-the minute changes in countable income for Medi-Cal and other programs!

From our friends at the Western Center on Law and Poverty: New program to help CalWORKs families that are homeless or in crisis. The linked document provides a short question and answer explanation of the new CalWORKs Family Stabilization program that begins January 1, 2014. Under the Family Stabilization program, CalWORKs families in crisis or who are homeless will be provided intensive case management and services and supports that

will no longer be available as of January 1st, 2014. Please submit any Health-e-App pending applications before January 1, 2014. All applications that are submitted on January 1st, 2014 and after will not be processed and will need to be resubmitted through the Covered CA [website](#). For any concerns or questions you can call us at 1-866-861-3443 between 8am to 8pm Monday - Friday or 8am to 5pm on Saturdays. Or, email us at HFHEA@MAXIMUS.com."

How breastfeeding can be boosted by lactation consultants

Posted on December 23, 2013 (Reuters Health) - Having access to even a few hours with a professional specially trained to help women breastfeed may raise the number of women who start breastfeeding and stick with it, according to a new study. Lactation consultants are certified through the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners and may work in hospitals, offices or public health programs. Women in the new study who spent an average total of three hours with a lactation consultant were almost three times more likely to start breastfeeding their newborns and to still be breastfeeding three months later. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization recommend exclusive breastfeeding for all babies' first six months. In reality, at least 25 percent of babies in the U.S. are never breastfed at all, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As the amount of a baby's nourishment coming from breastfeeding increases, and the length of time its mother breastfeeds grows, baby's risk of pneumonia, colds, leukemia and throat and ear infections goes down, author Karen Bonuck told Reuters Health. Bonuck, a professor of family and social medicine and of obstetrics & gynecology and women's health at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, led the investigation. More of How breastfeeding can be boosted by lactation consultants at [HERE](#).

Importance of oral health assessments and dental care recognized

Ob-gyns are now being advised to perform routine oral health assessments at the first prenatal visit and encourage their patients to see a dentist during pregnancy click [HERE](#) to learn more. Committee Opinion #569 "[Oral Health Care During Pregnancy and Through the Lifespan](#)" is published in the August 2013 issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

Partnership with Consumer Reports and CHPI Adds Medical Group Ratings to CalQualityCare.org Trusted, one-stop source for free information on medical groups, hospitals, and long term care in California



CalQualityCare.org

This year, hundreds of thousands of Californians are expected to be newly insured as part of the Affordable Care Act. Where will they and millions of others turn for unbiased information and ratings about the quality of care in the Golden State? CalQualityCare.org is a free, easy-to-use source for information about the performance of medical groups, hospitals, nursing homes, and other long term care services in California. Produced by the California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF), a nonprofit foundation, the website offers one-stop shopping and makes it easy to find and compare providers on a range of measures, including patient experience with medical groups and office staff, nursing home staffing levels, and hospital

are needed to reach stability, including homeless prevention or rehousing services. Click [HERE](#) to view document.

Good news! Nine Libraries will re-open on Sundays starting January 12, 2014! Starting January 12, 2014, the Los Angeles Public Library's Central Library and eight regional branch libraries will once again be open on Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m.:

- Central Library, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown LA, 90071
- Arroyo Seco, 6145 N. Figueroa St. LA 90042
- Goldwyn - Hollywood, 1623 N. Ivar Ave., Hollywood 90028
- Exposition Park, 3900 S. Western Ave., LA 90007
- Mid-Valley, 16244 Nordhoff St., North Hills, 91343
- North Hollywood, 5211 Tujunga Ave., North Hollywood 91601
- San Pedro, 931 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro 90731
- West Los Angeles, 11360 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles 90025
- West Valley, 19036 Vanowen St., Reseda 91335

Restoring library service on Sundays is made possible by voter-approved Measure L. For more information visit www.lapl.org/measure-

quality, including ER wait times. Users will also find tips and checklists about how to choose a provider, what questions to ask, how to pay for care, and what to do if something goes wrong.

Previously, CHCF operated two websites rating hospitals (CalHospitalCompare.org) and long term care (CalQualityCare.org). The two sites have been combined into a single site, CalQualityCare.org.

"The fact is health care quality can vary dramatically from provider to provider," said Andy Krackov, senior program officer at CHCF. "When it comes to choosing a medical group, hospital, or long term care provider, better information makes for smarter choices. [CalQualityCare](http://CalQualityCare.org) is an easy-to-use site the public can trust."

Users can be assured the information on CalQualityCare.org is objective and unbiased, unlike on paid and commercial sites. There is no advertising (or promotion of one provider over others) and no registration or contact information is required.

The addition of ratings for 170 primary care and specialty physician groups in California is the result of a new partnership among CHCF, Consumer Reports Health, and CHPI, a nonprofit collaborative of health purchasers, plans, providers, and consumers. The organizations are among the first in the nation to make this information widely available to consumers.

"Sharing performance data not only helps generate important conversations among providers, it can lead to one of the most powerful forces driving improvement - educated consumers," said John Santa, MD, medical director, Consumer Reports Health.

The medical group ratings presented on CalQualityCare.org focus on patient experiences with their doctors, and are based on data collected through CHPI's annual Patient Assessment Survey (PAS). The rating icons used are the same ones familiar to long-time readers of Consumer Reports. To learn more about the site, [see the frequently asked questions page](#).

In addition to being featured on the CalQualityCare.org website, the physician group ratings are included in a special insert of the February 2014 Consumer Reports magazine (now on newsstands), as well as to subscribers of the Consumer Reports website.

"There is an enormous unmet need for greater transparency in health care, which is essential to improving the entire system," said Tom McCaffery, CHPI board president. "This partnership with CHCF and Consumers Union is part of our commitment to identify strategies to provide consumers with meaningful data that can help drive real change."

New Patient Experience Survey

Users should note that CalQualityCare.org currently includes medical group-level data and not ratings of individual physicians. The three sponsors are now fielding [a short survey that asks consumers to anonymously rate](#) their individual doctors in California. The results will be used to inform how to help develop ratings of individual physicians in the future.

Data available!

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www.lapl.org/sunday.](http://www.lapl.org/sunday)

**For this summer:
August 5 - 9, 2013 CAMP
Summersault**

**The American Cancer
Society's FREE SUMMER
DAY CAMP** for children
with cancer and their
siblings

WHO: For children who
are survivors or are being
treated for cancer and their
siblings, ages 5 - 13. Camp
Summersault caters to the
needs of children in
treatment and with cancer-
related needs.

WHAT: Arts & crafts,
jewelry making, campfire
cooking, challenge course,
music, archery, petting zoo,
horseback riding and much,
much more.

COST: Free, including
nutritious lunch and snacks.

WHERE: Located in Long
Beach at the grounds of
Long Beach Camp Fire
USA, 7070 E. Carson Street,
Long Beach,
CA 90808 For information
or to register please contact:
Rosa Kelson at (562) 437-
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application that specifically
outlines your employment
history experience and
educational background for
which you're
applying. **Please note: the
job descriptions for the
employment positions**

The 2013 editions of [Child Health USA](#) and [Women's Health USA](#) are now available online. Produced annually by the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau, in partnership with HRSA's Office of Women's Health for Women's Health USA, the data books provide a compilation of key health statistics from multiple Federal sources and highlight trends and disparities in some of the most pressing health challenges facing women, children, families, and communities. The data books are designed as easy-to-use references to help maternal and child health professionals, policymakers, educators, and program managers identify and address key health issues affecting women, mothers, infants and children.

In 2013, Child Health USA was redesigned to focus in-depth on emergent topics of special importance to maternal and child health practitioners resulting in a special edition on Perinatal Health and Health Care Access. Key topics covered in Child Health USA include perinatal health status and risk factors, health services utilization, and selected programs and policies designed to improve birth outcomes.

Women's Health USA 2013 highlights several new topics and indicators, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), fast food and sugar-sweetened beverage consumption, prediabetes, and patient-centered care. New special population pages also feature data on the characteristics and health of women served by community health centers, immigrant women, and lesbian and bisexual women.

Current and previous editions of the data books are available online at: Child Health USA and Women's Health USA. The websites feature individually downloadable figures, tables, and text for easy insertion into presentations and documents.

Foreclosure Eviction Law Extended

Significant Coalition for Economic Survival Tenants' Rights Victory

On November 26, 2013, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously voted to extend the Foreclosure Eviction Ordinance protecting tenants living in foreclosed rental properties and not subject to the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) from eviction for another two years. The Ordinance prohibits lenders from evicting any tenant because of foreclosure. Tenants living in rent controlled units have had these protections. Multi-family rental units built after 1978 and all single-family home rentals are not subject to the City's rent control law, but is covered under this ordinance. The Foreclosure Eviction Ordinance was originally passed in December 17, 2008 and extended every year since in response to a national crisis that has not subsided. This law has protected significant numbers of families from being unjustly evicted.

New CCS fax cover sheet process

Just a reminder that the current Los Angeles County CCS fax number (800-924-1154) will be out of service effective close of business, Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Please ensure your staff utilize the new fax cover sheet and fax number as indicated on the attached provider bulletin. The provider bulletin is available at the [Los Angeles County CMS](#) and is linked [HERE](#).

**Announcing Planned Parenthood Los Angeles' Professional
Development Training Calendar for Winter and Spring 2014
Sexual and Reproductive Health Trainings**

listed below will be posted on our website soon.

- Welcome Baby Outreach Coordinator
- Project Coordinator - Pregnancy Policy
- Administrative Assistant - Pregnancy Policy

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

OTHER EMPLOYMENT SOURCES:

LA Best Babies Network through California Hospital Medical Center is recruiting for the following positions:

Public Health Research Associate-Training Coordinator (Job ID: 1300019231): Full Time, Grant funded position.

Database Technical Support Specialist (JOB ID: 1300019233)- Full time, Grant funded position.

Senior Administrative Coordinator (Job ID: 1300019232)- Full Time, Grant funded position.

To apply for these positions, please contact LABBN-CHMC directly [HERE](#)

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Trainings prepare youth-serving professionals to deliver effective and respectful sexual health information and services:

Jan. 29 - STI and HIV Basics, Birth Control Basics

Jan. 30 - Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive Update for Non-Clinical Professionals Webinar

Feb. 27 - What Do You Expect: The Effects of Gender Role Expectations on Health Outcomes, Relationships and Sexual Behaviors

Feb. 27 - Addressing the Needs of LGBT Youth in Sexuality Education and Health Care

April 8 - STI and HIV Basics, Birth Control Basics

April 17 - I Have the Right to Healthy Relationships

Please see the website for session descriptions, our full calendar, and fees.

To register, please complete the [online registration form](#). If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sylvia Raskin, Sexuality Education Initiative Trainer, at Sylvia.Raskin@pp-la.org 213-284-3200 ext. 3581.

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