



Maternal and Child Health Access

Our next Monthly Meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, July 18, 2019

Where?

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Maternal and Child Health Access
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Speaker/Topic

"Health Net Community Doula Program,
Los Angeles"
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The Association for Wholistic Maternal and
Newborn Health

ICE Raids and Community Fear -
Budget and other updates



Regarding ICE Raids: According to the New York Times on Sunday, the day the raids were to begin:

"Only a handful of arrests appeared to take place, and they were reported in just a few cities. That was much different than the nationwide show of force that had originally been planned, in which Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents were expected to fan out in unison on Sunday morning across immigrant communities in major cities. But the authorities said that more arrests would follow through the week.

The plans for the operation were changed at the last minute because of news reports that had tipped off immigrant communities about what to expect, according to several current and former Department of Homeland Security officials. Instead of a large simultaneous sweep, the authorities created a secondary plan for a smaller and more diffuse scale of apprehensions to roll out over roughly a week. Individual ICE field offices were given the discretion to decide when to begin, one official said.

And the LA Times: As of Sunday evening, there were no reports of arrests in the Los Angeles area. And the widespread raids some feared failed to materialize.

Mayor Garcetti released a video Saturday, "We are all in this together"

"I want every Angeleno to know their rights and how to exercise them. Remember, you have the right to remain silent. You don't have to open your door to an ICE agent that doesn't have a warrant signed by a judge.

You have the right to speak to a lawyer before signing any documents or speaking to law enforcement. **And, if you need help finding an attorney, you can call 311 and learn more about our Justice Fund and other resources that offer legal support."**

From our meeting June 20, 2019 (see materials on [MCHA website](#)):
Guest Speakers:

"Help Me Grow - Los Angeles Overview and Implementation"
Kimberly Cooper, MA
Communications Manager, Children's Health Outreach Initiatives
Department of Public Health
Krystal Green, MPH, Program Officer, Health Systems,
First 5 L

Ms. Green and Ms. Cooper presented a detailed summary of what Help Me Grow is and how it is being implemented in Los Angeles. Help Me Grow (HMG) is not a program. Since 1997, it has been a nationwide model with 33 national affiliates, 21 of which are in California. Los Angeles will be the largest. HMG promotes local cross-sector collaboration and seeks to coordinate existing resources and systems to improve coordination of developmental screening, assessment and early intervention programs. Why? California is 43rd in the nation for timeliness of screenings, and autism is diagnosed later in California than the national average. When linked to prevention and early intervention services before kindergarten, children are more likely to succeed in school and life. First 5 LA developed a partnership with Help Me Grow out of its interest in early developmental screening and intervention.

HMG has an infrastructure of advisory committees, data collection and analysis. One key concept is that of a Centralized Access Point for questions and information. F5 has provided six grants - 3 clinics, 2 CBOs and a family resource center, as well as Children's Hospital to provide TA. F5 is interested in the referral pathways and collaboration among "demonstration communities" of health, mental health, CBOs, ECE and IDEA providers. For more information, see slides posted at [HERE](#).

Medi-Cal Managed Care Update

Speaker: Lynn Kersey

Lynn Kersey gave an overview of the many changes taking place in managed care oversight and transparency, and opportunities for further comment to the State Department of Health Care Services. She attends quarterly stakeholder meetings open to providers, community

organizations and clinic representatives and advocates. The meetings are also held as a webinar with call-in option. To receive meeting notices and opportunities to review documents and notices, e-mail advisorygroup@dhcs.ca.gov. See past meeting information and upcoming meeting dates (Sept. 5 and Dec. 5) on the [Medi-Cal Managed Care Advisory Group website](#).

Lynn discussed five topics:

Value-Based Payments - this is a mechanism to increase payments to providers in managed care, not through the health plans, in four areas: prenatal/postpartum care; early childhood; chronic disease management and behavioral health integration. Of interest, the prenatal/postpartum includes two areas where plans have historically performed poorly: early prenatal care visits and postpartum visits. The provision of pertussis vaccine between 27-36 weeks of pregnancy is also incentivized.

Timely Access Standards - The state is now reviewing urgent, not only non-urgent appointments, expanded the categories of providers reviewed, increased the sample size ten-fold and is reporting by adult/pediatric for the first time.

There is opportunity to weigh in on what you think the standard for timeliness should be before corrective action leading to possible sanction is applied. A group of advocates have urged a reach to 80% compliance among plans, since most are already achieving 70%. We have also urged that providers aren't "backed out" of the surveys if they have "poor data quality" or "training concerns" meaning didn't answer the phone, had the wrong phone numbers, etc.

New Quality Measures - The state is assessing whether managed care providers are aware of language interpretation services and rights and whether the languages advertised are actually spoken at the facility. They are also establishing a standard for plans' call centers for wait times and knowledge of language rights. Finally, the quality measures themselves are being expanded from 13 or so HEDIS measures to 39 Centers for Medicaid and Medicare measures - nearly all that CMS collects in its Adult and Child Core Sets. Plans used to have to perform at least as well as the lowest 25% of Medicaid plans nationally; a very low bar. Now the bar will be raised to expected performance at as least as well as what half the plans (50%) perform. Some measures have no national score - so an opportunity exists to help create a standard.

Quality Reports - See slides 22 and 23 for new reports available.

Facility Site Reviews - The tool used during on-site audits has been revised and expanded to include more services required in federal and state regulations, and following AAP Bright Futures, US Preventive Services Task Force measures and **CPSP requirements** - MCHA feels especially proud of the inclusion of CPSP and have already made extensive comments.

See the [slide presentation](#) on our website for more detail

[Garment workers sought](#)

Immigrant rights groups are seeking garment workers who are owed part of a settlement won against Ceiko Production Inc./Kenny Sewing. You may help reduce fear immigrants may have now about stepping forward. Please consider posting these [flyers](#) in your agency

New since meeting:

Harvard Business Review examines maternal mortality - The Rising U.S. Maternal Mortality Rate Demands Action from Employers

The U.S. maternal mortality rate has more than doubled from [10.3 per 100,000 live births in 1991 to 23.8 in 2014](#). Over 700 women a year die of complications related to pregnancy each year in the United States, and two-thirds of those deaths are preventable. [Fifty thousand women suffer from life-threatening complications of pregnancy](#). A report from [the Commonwealth Fund](#) released in December found American women have the greatest risk of dying from pregnancy complications among 11 high-income countries. See more [HERE](#).

See additional article:

[California is changing the game on maternal care quality](#)

California pays down their student loans, doctors agree to treat poorer patients

It's a trade aimed at getting more doctors to treat poorer patients: California this week said it will help repay the student loans of 247 selected doctors in exchange for their promise that at least 30 percent of their caseload will be people enrolled in Medi-Cal.

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Californians fall prey to high interest credit card loans while in exam chairs. Here's a fix

Medical credit cards are usually offered for services not covered by insurance, like dental and chiropractic care. They are also offered to people without coverage, including immigrants. But even people with coverage can find themselves signed up for high interest credit cards. They might not even remember signing up for the credit.

If that doesn't sound right, it's because it's not. That's why our economic justice priorities this session includes [Senate Bill 639](#), which would end situations in which patients are signed up for high-interest cards in high-stress medical situations.

If you have a client, friend or relative who has experienced this, in Los Angeles County they should contact Neighborhood Legal Services hotline number: 800-896-3202.

Elevated blood pressure in first trimester increases risk for blood pressure disorder later in pregnancy

Elevated blood pressure in the first trimester of pregnancy, or an increase in blood pressure between the first and second trimesters, raises the chances of a high blood pressure

disorder of pregnancy, according to a study funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), part of the National Institutes of Health.

Read the full Release [HERE](#).

NIH study links high maternal genetic risk of obesity to variations in fetal weight

A high genetic risk of obesity among pregnant women is linked to fetal weight, but varies according to race, fetal sex, and other factors, according to a study by researchers at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), part of the National Institutes of Health. The findings suggest that maternal genetic risk scores could one day be used to better understand fetal weight and guide care during pregnancy.

Read the full Science Update [HERE](#).

New Languages added! We Need to Hear from Families! Use of Private Insurance Survey

The Systems Committee of the California Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention has been reviewing the status of use of private insurance by families within Early Start. It became clear we needed to hear from families regarding their experiences. A short confidential survey has been developed in **English, Spanish, Hmong, Japanese** and **Chinese** to collect data regarding this critical service delivery issue. Please take a moment and share this information with families. If you have already answered the survey, please do not re-answer.

[English](#), [Spanish](#), [Hmong](#), [Japanese](#) and [Chinese](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Apply by July 18: Women's Policy Institute:

We are still accepting [applications for the Women's Policy Institute-State Class of 2020](#)! More than 90% of our alum say WPI has helped them become more successful in their policy advocacy work. These leaders and activists describe WPI as "transformative" and the "best decision" of their careers. Join us and apply for our WPI [State Class of 2020](#)! We would love to have you.

Friday, September 6: Women Against Gun Violence Gun Violence Survivors' Resource Summit and Advocacy Training.

Giving back by providing survivors access to the resources that can help them overcome the many challenges they face -- access to information about health care, mental health care, job training, grief support, legal support, government assistance, suicide prevention, educational services, and justice services.

We will also have experts leading panel discussions teaching the skills needed to advocate for individual needs, for community needs, and for strong and effective gun legislation.

Ruett Foster will be our keynote speaker. Ruett and Rhonda Foster have devoted their lives to violence prevention. In 1997, their 7-year-old son, Evan, was killed by errant bullets when he was sitting in their car at a park in Inglewood, California. In the aftermath of the gang-related shooting, the Fosters appealed to the perpetrators to choose peace over violence and to the community to choose love over retaliation.

Sandra Fluke will lead the panel on advocacy skills and teach us all how to become more impactful advocates. The national director of an advocacy organization working on economic inequality, healthcare, and criminal justice reform, Sandra has devoted her career to legislative and legal advocacy for the public interest.

Register [here](#) and share this event with others.

If your organization would like to have a resource table at this event please email [here](#).

Monday, Sept. 23, 2019, 9-4:30: Fourth Annual Vivian Weinstein Leadership Day: Best Practices in Early Childhood

At the California Endowment. Watch for early bird registration: <https://www.idaofcal.org/>
Session Topics: * Trauma-Informed Care * Restorative Justice (in Early Childhood) * Dealing with Challenging Behaviors * Policy Update * Home Visiting * Connecting with Fathers

Tuesday, October 29: BEYOND SILOS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIPS

At the California Endowment. The DVHC Leadership Council, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health, and the Domestic Violence Council invite you to save the date for this premiere symposium!

The symposium is open to anyone with an interest in innovative cross-sector collaboration between the health and domestic violence (DV) sectors to promote prevention and early identification of DV. We highly recommended this conference for all public health professionals and DV advocates who would like to learn more about improving the safety net for survivors and their health needs, and promoting systems change across Los Angeles in a way that better addresses DV as a public health issue.

Registration link coming soon!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Haddad Bell, Program Consultant, at (661) 713 9979 or jbelle@jenesse.org.

RESOURCES

The Referrals workgroup of [the Los Angeles County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium](#) is pleased to announce that their [Housing Resources Webinar](#) is now live (bottom of page)! Many thanks to DPSS and LAHSA for providing such a valuable and timely training. For additional resources for CalWORKs families, see [CalWORKs Homeless Services Website](#)

Hands Only CPR Training

[LA County Department of Public Health](#) is partnering with 211 LA to get service providers, employers, and community groups signed up for free Hands Only CPR training. This opportunity is part of the Heart Heroes campaign, which strives to train 100,000 people in LA County on life-saving Hands Only CPR and other critical public safety skills.

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