



Maternal and Child Health Access

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Next MCH Access Monthly Meeting:

**Thursday, May 18, 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:

Updates:

Medi-Cal Coverage for Maternal Mental Health
Dental Care during Pregnancy and in FOHCs
Non-Qualified Immigrant Coverage
Medical Support Orders and Public Insurance
And more....



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.

SAVE THE DATE:

May 26, 2017, 9-4 Bringing a Reflective Experience to Supervision. Reiss-Davis Child Study Center and Institute, Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services, 3200 Motor Ave., Los Angeles, 90034. Reflective Supervision

MCHA raised 60% of our very ambitious goal for Mother's Day!
You can still order gifts from our Women's Collective in honor of someone you love or make a donation. Click on the image below to go to the donations page!

by design is empowering, strength-based, culturally respectful, collaborative, non-judgmental, and introspective. This training will support the growing knowledge of infant mental health providers in the foundational elements and practical application of Reflective Supervision. Barbara Stroud, Ph.D. Register [here](#). or email : MilaJovicic@VistaDelMar.org

Weds., May 31, 8:30 - 12 noon Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Health Conference for Health Administrators.

The LA County Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Health Collaborative is organizing the conference to improve patient outcomes and reduce barriers to care through providing strategies for institutions to become more culturally responsive. The conference will highlight policies, laws, regulations, and practices required for delivering inclusive and equitable patient-centered care to lesbian and bisexual women. Register [HERE](#). For further information, please contact Julie Friedman, Director, Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Education & Research Center, at jfriedman@mednet.ucla.edu or at (310) 794-8062.

Friday, July 28, 2017 - California Black Health Network is hosting a series of town hall meetings in six sites in California to document the concerns of African Americans in this new era and political upheaval. Stakeholder Meeting



From the meeting April 20, 2017: see handouts [HERE](#)

Guest Speaker: Mayra Joachin, Staff Attorney, National Immigration Law Center, "Working with Immigrant Communities Now"

The National Immigration Law Center is one of the leading organizations in the U.S. exclusively dedicated to defending and advancing the rights of low-income immigrants. We are lucky here in Los Angeles that they are available to advise us on immigration issues for our clients. MCHA has been searching for a presentation beyond our clients' "Know Your Rights" to address the role of agencies' rights to protect clients. Ms. Joachin provided ample information and pointed us to a webinar the following week on the topic as well. She is the author of a piece on their website entitled, "[Why Protecting Safe Access to Health Facilities for Everyone Should Be a National Priority](#)". In addition to important information about our clients' rights, information about our agencies' responsibilities included such things as:

1. Establish a written policy designating areas of the clinic as private Ex: waiting room is public, all areas beyond waiting room are private Ex: only patients and people accompanying them are permitted to enter the clinic
2. Establish policies limiting the materials brought into any public areas of the clinic
3. Provide posters, know your rights cards and other educational materials advising patients of their rights in interactions with ICE and law enforcement
4. Designate one or two specific staff members as responsible for handling interactions with law enforcement. Train them to evaluate the sufficiency of a warrant: Is it signed by a judge or magistrate? Does it state the address of the premises to be

1-3 PM, Town Hall 3-5 PM at Charles Drew University. Register and more information [HERE](#) or see their website at cablackhealthnetwork.org

RESOURCES

Diabetes Prevention Camps for Youth - The American Diabetes Association just opened registration for 3 local type 2 diabetes prevention camps for youth. These camps are for youth (7-15) that are overweight and have a family history of type 2 diabetes. Camp will offer an educational and activity-filled environment focused on creating healthy behaviors around nutrition and physical activity. To ensure that the educational messages learned while at camp are able to be reinforced and supported at home, parents and other family members are invited to attend all day Sunday.

We need your help in getting the word out about this NEW program! Please feel free to give camp information out to your clients and staff team that might work with children that may be at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Information, registration links and dates for all camps:

Santa Clarita: July 15-16th register [here](#).

Los Angeles: July 29-30th register [here](#).

San Bernardino: September 23-24th register [here](#).

Should you have any questions, contact: Alissa Singer, MPH ASinger@diabetes.org Pacific Region Director, Community Health Strategies 323-966-2890 ext. 7434

- searched? Is it being executed during the designated time, if any. Train them to observe law enforcement and to object if their actions exceed those authorized by the warrant. Train other staff to refer law enforcement to them and to refuse to answer law enforcement questions without their authorization
5. Establish a relationship with an immigration lawyer

See the posted slides for the full presentation and sections on agency/clinic assistance, and copies of warrants.

New since last meeting: April 201, 2017 Medi-Cal Coverage for Maternal Mental Health

Coinciding with maternal depression awareness month, MCHA has [released a document](#) to share the news that mental health and substance use disorder treatment services are now covered under Pregnancy-Related Medi-Cal and the Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP) for slightly higher income women. For women in Pregnancy-Related Medi-Cal or MCAP, coverage is now available for medically necessary services to treat "mild to moderate" as well as more serious conditions requiring "specialty mental health" care. Services are covered regardless of the woman's immigration status.

We will need to continue to follow up to ensure that providers are screening and aware of these covered services, and that access to mental health professionals exists.

Read how our Perinatal Case Manager, Martha Escudero, drew on her own experience with depression and poverty to help other women in Boyle Heights. Thank you to the Center for Health Journalism, supported by The California Endowment, for printing Martha's piece!

"It was during my second pregnancy when the changes really hit me. I had recently moved to the East Los Angeles neighborhood of Boyle Heights. This is where I now work as a perinatal case manager for Maternal and Child Health Access and where most of my clients live, but at the time I was unemployed. During the pregnancy, I noticed my anxiety and depression growing so strong they almost knocked me over". Read more [HERE](#).

"Did you know" Department - Medi-Cal and CHIP programs count in California to meet custodial parent's obligation for health insurance in medical support cases

[In CSS Letter 11-02](#), The California Department of Child Support Services disseminated a policy, based on previous federal direction in Action Transmittal 10-10, that public health insurance meets the requirement for medical support. So do MCAP and Covered CA.

MCHA would love to hear from you whether and how this is working in the field-- for example, what do the support orders say? Does it matter if the child already has Medi-Cal? Are there still cases where the child has Medi-Cal and the Non-Custodial Parent is still ordered to get insurance and gets private coverage for the child, leading to an Other Health Coverage code in the child's Medi-Cal file. This may happen especially if the child is uninsured when the support order is entered, but the child is later enrolled in Medi-Cal and the NCP doesn't get the order modified.

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](#)
- [Administrative Assistant - Training Program](#)

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

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Let us know!

New since Meeting of April 20, 2017: Tell Congress: Stand Up for Consumer Protections!

Do you have a child with food allergies, or happen to know one? My own daughter is an avid label-reader and has caught many an allergen she would not have thought was in the package. But if the so-called "Regulatory Accountability Act" (RAA) passes, labeling what's in food would be deemed "overly burdensome", along with mandatory seatbelts and banning pesticides like DDT.

If the RAA passes, agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration will no longer be able to protect American consumers. That means no new restrictions on carcinogens like asbestos or regulations on pesticides like chlorpyrifos. If you remember the presentations on chemicals and regulation provided by our friends at Physicians for Social Responsibility, you know that we still have a long way to go in regulating mega corporations. America needs to keep moving forward in its fight to protect consumers, not turn back the clock. According to the Center for American Progress, powerful corporations and trade groups including the American Chemistry Council, CropLife America, Shell Oil Co. and dozens of others have spent more than \$59 million in 2017 so far to lobby in favor of this "license to kill bill."

Stop this bill before these groups "[Make America Unsafe Again](#)":

GOP Conservatives' Goal To Relax Mandatory Health Benefits Unlikely To Tame Premiums

[This article](#) is really informative -- maternity and other mandatory Essential Health Benefits do NOT raise premiums much if at all. You also need uniformity in benefits to do risk adjustment for plans that enroll a higher proportion of very sick people. The federal health law requires most insurance plans to offer 10 specific categories of essential benefits. Conservatives would like to get rid of that rule in the hopes of bringing down premium costs.

Home Visitation Bill To Help New Mothers Living In Poverty - AB 992 - Working Its Way Through Legislature

Nurses or social workers would make home visits in an effort to improve the health of both mothers and their babies, prevent child abuse and neglect, support positive parenting, and promote healthy child development and school readiness.

[KPCC: California Considers Investing \\$100 Million In Home Visits For New Moms And Their Babies](#)

A bill working its way through the state legislature would create a state-funded program to help new mothers in the first few months and years after the birth of their children. The CalWORKs Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program would spend \$100 million to offer home visits from nurses or social workers to new mothers who are living in poverty. [Read more here...](#)

New California Department of Public Health website!

Dear Community Partners,

I'm happy to announce the launch of our new CDPH website, and I invite you to take a tour at www.cdph.ca.gov. Stakeholders, partners and the public can now more easily navigate the site and find helpful information. The new user-friendly design also gives CDPH an opportunity to better highlight the everyday work of public health and showcase the hundreds of ways we promote and protect the health of Californians and the millions of people who visit here each year.

Please keep in mind that with any new launch, there may be a few initial kinks. In our case, a few links may not work. If you find broken links, or have comments and suggestions, please let us know by emailing michael.marks@cdph.ca.gov.

Serving with you,



Karen L. Smith, M.D., M.P.H Director and State Public Health Officer, California Department of Public Health A nationally accredited public health department."

Immigration Fears - Know Your Rights (We will continue to post this information)

The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) is partnering with Para Los Niños, Clinica Romero, National Immigration Law Center and other agencies to host Know Your Rights workshops. Please see the link below for immigration workshop dates and locations. To reach MOIA, please call (213) 978-0645 or email them at mayor.immigrantaffairs@lacity.org

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

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