

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, March 15, 2018 - RSVP today!



Maternal and Child Health Access

March 15, 2018: Monthly Meeting

Where?	Speaker/Topic
<p>10:00 AM to 12:00 pm Maternal and Child Health Access Patricia Phillips Community Room 1111 W. 6th St., 3rd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 213 749 4261 info@mchaccess.org</p>	<p>Margaret Lynn Yonekura, MD Director, Community Health, Dignity Health California Hospital Medical Center; Executive Director, LABBN</p> <p>"The Impact of Marijuana on Pregnancy, the Fetus and Child"</p> <p>National Poison Prevention Week!</p> <p>Health Coverage Updates</p>

While we don't require reservations to attend our monthly meetings we do recommend to RSVP so we know you're coming...

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

From the meeting Feb. 15, 2018 (see materials on our website): [HERE](#)

Guest Speaker:

***Nourbese Flint, Policy Director and
Manager of Reproductive Justice Programming, Black
Women for Wellness Health Issues for Black Woman***

Ms. Flint addressed Black women's health for February's meeting - Black History Month - and the policy agenda Black Women for Wellness has created. She started out dividing the room physically into two groups and working out two moral dilemmas with teen pregnancy, independence, economics and other factors. The exercise was very well-received! Ms. Flint discussed national polling about the unease felt by Black people about the current president - with a higher percentage of Black women than Black men feeling "worried" "scared" or "angry" and both feeling the president's policies will negatively affect Black people. The questions were further detailed about the effects on access to health care, affordable housing,

quality public schools, healthy and affordable food options, abortion, etc. Ms. Flint also addressed polling on what factors are considered when deciding about having a child - the safety of one's neighborhood, the amount of savings one has, and job opportunities that pay a living wage.

According to BWW polls, many Black women have experienced sexual assault and a loss of safety and control over their bodies - feeling pressured in various ways to have sex or unprotected sex. Most Black adults say that control over whether and when to have children is important for a woman and her family's financial stability. As far as being able to afford health care, four in ten Black women 18-44 could not afford more than \$10 for birth control today. These polls and other statistics Ms. Flint presented about criminal justice and the costs of bail, tickets and minor infractions, unemployment, rent and affordable housing, school experiences, and predatory lending - help to shape the Black Women for Wellness agenda:

1. Single Payer - vast majority of Black women, even with insurance, can't afford going to the doctor
2. Address Sexual Harassment on and off campus, having clear reporting and consequences of sexual harassment and assault
3. Reform Bail, ticketing and fines
4. Waive tuition at state schools for anyone coming from a family under 400 FPL.
5. Create more paid internship and fellowship for underserved student for color
6. Guaranteed community agreements about jobs
7. Creating affordable housing for both low income and middle income adults, statewide rent control

***New since last meeting:
Instead of Helping Californians with Mental Illness, Local
Agencies Have Sat on \$2.5 Billion***

California's county and local mental health agencies have failed to spend \$2.5 billion in taxpayer money that is intended to help Californians with mental illness, according to a new state auditor's report. Instead, the agencies have sat on the money, accumulating \$80 million in interest as of fiscal year 2015-16, according to the report, released March 6, 2018. Los Angeles County, the biggest county, has the highest fund balance, at \$737,610,000.

[Read more...](#)

[Latest data reveal appalling gaps between black and white infant mortality rates](#)

"Our state, [standing defiant](#) on Obamacare and a symbol of healthy living, is also one in which black babies die nearly three times as frequently as white babies.

In January, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released [state-by-state rates](#) by race and ethnicity that found 9.55 deaths per 1,000 live births among black infants in California. The state's rate for white infant death: 3.75 per 1,000 live births.

[In 2015](#), the figures were reported at 9.35, and 3.92, respectively. So why is a state seemingly committed to public health seeing the infant death rate grow for black babies while it declines for whites? Experts say the answer can be found in what they call the social determinants of health, or the structural conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. [read more....](#)

CALIFORNIA IN-HOSPITAL DELIVERIES VARY BY MOTHER'S AGE

Data Pulse: California In-Hospital Deliveries Vary by Mother's Age

provides age-related and geographic differences for mothers giving birth in California hospitals. Using patient discharge data, 2008 to 2016, the study divides in-hospital delivery data into three groups based on the mother's age (i.e., mothers 15 to 19 years old, 20 to 34 years old, and 35 years old or older). A geographic distribution of in-hospital births by two age groups is also presented.

Key Findings:

- Deliveries for 15 to 19 year-old mothers have decreased nearly 59 percent.
- Deliveries for 20 to 34 year-old mothers have decreased nearly 11 percent.
- Deliveries for 35 year-old or older mothers have increased nearly nine percent.

Resources:

Register for Free TPS Renewal Assistance through the Los Angeles Public Library

On January 18, 2018, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) announced that current beneficiaries of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under Haiti's and El Salvador's designation who want to maintain that status through the respective program's termination date must re-register between January 18, 2018 and March 19, 2018. With the March 19, 2018 deadline quickly approaching, the Los Angeles Public Library's New American Centers will be offering free assistance with TPS renewals by appointment. To see available appointments and to register [click here](#). If you are unable to register, please call the library at (213) 228-7390. For more information about TPS and upcoming deadlines please visit the USCIS [website here](#).

The Children's Defense Fund's new report

[The State of America's Children 2017](#), provides a comprehensive look at the status of America's children in 11 areas: child population, child poverty, income and wealth inequality, housing and homelessness, child hunger and nutrition, child health, early childhood, education, child welfare, juvenile justice and gun violence. The report's corresponding [state factsheets](#) provide one-page summaries of how children are doing in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and nationwide.

From Mayor Garcetti's blog: You can help at our new Homeless Help Desk

We've launched the City's [first Homeless Help Desk](#) at City Hall East. Homeless Angelenos are too often unaware of how close they may be to a warm meal, a shower, or even a place to live. Our Homeless Help Desk will offer a [one-stop shop](#) to make it easier to find basic services and begin their transition into supportive housing. The Help Desk is partially staffed by members of our Mayor's Volunteer Corps. [Sign up to help](#) serve Angelenos in need!

SAVE THE DATE:

On **March 24**, the kids and families of **March For Our Lives** will take to the streets to demand that their lives and safety become a priority, and that we end gun violence in our schools and communities. Join the March for Our Lives event near you [here](#).

MARCH 23-24, 2018 INTERVENTION AND BEYOND: BUILDING

FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE - Westin, Pasadena

The IDA Southern California Regional Conference along with CalAIMH

(California Association for Infant Mental Health) project

Keynote Speaker, March 23, 2018 Graciela Tiscareño-Sato, Mother, Author, Bilingual

Keynote Speaker, Military Veteran Walk with Me: The Early Intervention Advice & Experiences that Mattered to our Family

[Register Online.](#)

Sunday March 25, 2018 Eat, Celebrate, Save Lives BBQ Event

8535 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90034-2548

Our fantastic former intern Agnes de la Vega has told us about a fantastic event to address cybersex in the Phillipines - Cybersex dens have been set up where live streaming occurs and acts are recorded. 54% of those abused are under the age of 12. Each participating child is paid as little as 150 pesos (\$3). One particular organization is making a hopeful and tangible impact on young female victims: [C.U.R.E.Foundation, Inc.](#) Their mission is to provide rescued victims a safe place to heal and regain their dignity. They have established safe houses, cottages, provided meals, medical assistance and emotional support to the victims. The Rancho, a remote residential facility, provides a safe haven for girls who have been rescued from online sex trafficking. Homeschooling at the Rancho is the only viable option for these girls since they are in a witness protection program and cannot attend any public school. **C.U.R.E.** provides high quality home school curriculum from preschool and Grades 1 to 10.

Enjoy great food, get together with friends and family, and support a special cause to rescue young victims of cybersex. [\(Click here\)](#) Sacred Heart HJ Batch '93 sponsors this event with L.A.rsian BBQ Grill for the benefit of the C.U.R.E. foundation. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about their cause.

Please come and join us! You can also help us by sharing this event with all of your friends and families on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/35589379822212>

Friday, April 20, 10 Am - 12:30 PM: Dental Stakeholder meeting with Denti-Cal state representatives. Meetings held at MCHA, 1111 W. 6th St. Third floor. No parking validation at this meeting (less expensive parking at Good Samaritan Hospital entering on Lucas between Wilshire Blvd and Sixth St.). For past meetings and materials, [click here](#). Please direct any questions or concerns to: dental@dhcs.ca.gov or ask Monica Ochoa at MCHA.

Healthy Aging: Cultivating & Celebrating Resilience

Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 8:30am-12:30pm The California Endowment 1000 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 Registration and Breakfast at 7:45 am - 8:30 am. Event starts promptly at 8:30 am. There is no cost to attend this conference; however, seating is limited. Join us as we explore the intersection of healthy aging & resilience across the lifespan. Please RSVP by 4/6/2018, To reserve your seat, please [register here](#).

Continuing Education Hours for RNs & CHES are pending

Questions? Email Denise: dpacheco@ph.lacounty.gov