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SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, June 6, 2016,
9AM-4 PM:
Understanding and
Supporting Adolescent
and Young Men's Health**

Next MCH Access Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, May 19, 2016

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:

Fabiola Sandoval, Community Associate

"Health Care for Women and Children in Boyle Heights"

Pilar Schiavo

**California Nurses Association/National Nurses United
Campaign for a Healthy California**

**"Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point" (film and
discussion)**

**Updates - Launch of Full Scope Medi-Cal for Undocumented
Children; State Budget**

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NOTE: REGISTER TO VOTE BEFORE MAY 23!

PARKING:

and Wellness Learn about the health status of young men of color in Los Angeles County, identify the social determinants that place young men at risk for poor health outcomes and protective factors associated with wellness, and explore innovative practices for working with young men of color. Register [here](#)

Advance Registration Required- No on-site registration. \$35, space limited.

Questions? Please email Arlene:

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Tuesday, June 21, 8 AM - 2 PM - The 7th annual Reproductive Health & the Environment

conference (FREE) will be held again at the California Endowment. Registration information comes out in April. Click [here](#) for flyer.

Monday June 27, 2016, 8:30AM - 3:30

PM. Vivien Weinstein Leadership Day: Best Practices in Home

Visiting at The California Endowment. Early Bird Registration before May 23. This conference is designed for early intervention personnel and home visitors to bridge the best practices and research for home visiting. See [here](#).

Register to Vote!

If you have moved recently or need to register to vote for the first time click [here](#). Be sure and [check your](#)

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.

April 21, 2016 meeting

Click [here](#) to see materials

Meeting Notes: April 21, 2016 Transition to Full Scope Medi-Cal for Undocumented Children - Liz Ramirez, Donald Nollar MCHA

Liz and Donald covered the issues involved with children currently on Restricted Scope Medi-Cal and those children who will be new applicants. Special consideration should be paid to children in one of the THREE programs LA has for undocumented kids. No one knows how many of the kids in these programs have Restricted Medi-Cal and will be receiving information about the transition:

- LA Care's Healthy Kids: for kids under 6 years old: This program will allow kids to stay in the program until December while they are assisted to transition to Medi-Cal.
- Kaiser Child Health Plan: Also staying open 'til December

to help transition. Kids who want to maintain Kaiser as their Medi-Cal health plan will need to fill out separate forms that are sent to LA Care, which oversees Kaiser in Los Angeles County's "Two Plan Model".

- MyHealth LA: MHLA was going to end its kids coverage in June, but has been persuaded to keep the kids in til December like the other two plans. In addition, DPSS must work with MHLA and conduct a match to be sure these children get on Medi-Cal.

Transitioning children will get three contacts, and then the Medi-Cal Managed Care packet:

- 1) Letter "it's coming" - supposedly in all threshold languages
- 2) Notice of Action that benefits have switched. These letters will start this week, in batches. We are informed that these letters are only in English and Spanish - very concerning and mystifying.
- 3) Letter that packet is coming and will need to choose a plan or be defaulted - in threshold languages
- 4) 4) Medi-Cal Managed Care packet - in threshold languages.

If someone wants to choose a managed care plan, doctor group (IPA) and doctor or other provider sooner, one can do so with Health Care Options in person at some DPSS offices, or by

status afterward, i.e. that the registration went through.

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phone. PLEASE help kids who need continuity of care with the county or a clinic, have a procedure scheduled, etc. or call us for assistance!

Update here: The All County Welfare Directors Letter for SB 75 was released and is located [here](#):

Meeting Notes: April 21, 2016 Cristal Logothetis, Founder, Carry the Future

Carry the Future outfits refugees with baby carriers to provide comfort and security to their families on their journey to safety. Refugee families travel on foot across Europe holding babies and small children in their arms and baby carriers not only keep these babies safe, warm and united with their parents, but also help ease their journey by freeing parent's hands to carry their belongings.

MCHA had the privilege of hearing from Ms. Logothetis about her own journey to start this organization, and how it has succeeded and grown, from an Indiegogo campaign asking for donations of carriers to over 5,000 volunteers in four continents. It is a very simple and touching need - to be able to "wear" a baby and leave hands free for other needs. The carriers and other supplies tucked into the carrier pockets are free to the refugees. Ms. Logothetis gave heartfelt stories from the refugees getting off boats and the camps that are visited. The organization itself is 100% volunteer-run. As of December 1, 2015, 7,000 new and used baby carriers and hundreds of relief packs with essential survival items, such as mittens, protein snacks and emergency blankets, were hand delivered to refugee families.

They have working committees and welcome volunteers, donations of carriers and donations of funds. See this information, their press, journals, FAQs and photos at: www.carrythefuture.org

The Governor's "May Revise" of California's State Budget 2016-17:

Each year, the Governor's Budget proposed in January is revised in May after the April tax returns are in - hence the term "May Revise". See the Official Release [here](#)

In brief, the budget surplus from taxes was lower than anticipated. Funding is included to start to get to the \$15/hr minimum wage, for the undocumented children now eligible for full Medi-Cal, and for services for people with developmental disabilities. The "immigrant wrap" for qualified immigrants in the US less than 5 years is delayed until 2018. There is no funding to end the Maximum Family Grant rule, but a slight, 1.4% grant

increase for CalWORKS and a proposal for a slight increase in the state's contribution to SSI.

These organizations have written preliminary analyses:

[Health Access](#)

[Western Center on Law and Poverty](#)

The May Revision also endorses a \$2 billion bond from a portion of future Proposition 63 mental health revenues, which would enable the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and administer homelessness and affordable housing programs with a particular focus on chronic homelessness.

The Department of Finance (DOF) has posted the Administration's trailer bill proposals for the Governor's Budget May Revision on their **[website](#)**.

New Report from United Way:

[The State of Women in Los Angeles County 2016](#)

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