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Next MCH Access Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, November 17, 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:

Miriam Erdosi, MSW, MCH Director
March of Dimes

World Prematurity Awareness Day - Nov. 17
Wear Purple! Change your profile pic! Tweet!
Prematurity Report Card status

Immigrant Rights

Family Cap Comes Off January 1, 2017!
What does this mean for your clients and reinstating children to CalWORKS?

Updates



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.

trading relationships. Their mission is closely aligned to the work we do with our Women's Collective and the ways MCHA works to improve the health of low-income women.

Holiday Shopping to Benefit Our Community

(click on the image to download flyer)



Other ways you can help:
 Attend the Benefit Kick-Off Party
 Saturday, Nov. 19, 6-8 PM
 Shop (in person only, not online) Any time between
 Nov. 19 and Dec. 3
 Attend MCHA's Special Shopping Night
 Sat. Dec. 3, 5:30 - 7:30

In this monthly mailing:

[JOIN THE DEMONSTRATION TO SUPPORT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT!](#)

[FROM THE MARCH OF DIMES - WORLD PREMATURETY DAY!](#)

[FROM THE MEETING OCT. 20: GUEST SPEAKERS: HEALTH-RELATED BALLOT MEASURES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH](#)

[IMMIGRATION FEARS...KNOW YOUR RIGHTS](#)

[MCAP \(FORMERLY KNOWN AS AIM\) WILL BE DELIVERED THROUGH MEDI-CAL FOR NEW APPLICANTS](#)

Please contact our office with any questions regarding this email or visit our [website](#) for further information about our organization.

In These Times...

The national landscape has changed dramatically for issues that affect low-income people and everyone else, especially healthcare, immigrant and women's rights, racial equality and justice issues, and climate change. Here at MCHA we've been bombarded with email reassurances from other non-profits that they will redouble their efforts and keep working and fighting. We did not send out something similar, but want to address the election results here and in our end-of-year newsletter.

Maternal and Child Health Access was founded on the principle that healthcare is a right. We know that our program support to individuals and families makes a difference in their own ability to improve their lives. But we have also not shrunk from using individual experiences to address systemic issues, and from taking to the streets and the courtroom ourselves and with our clients when their health or their lives are threatened.

So we have marched for better budgets that save lives, and for the right to breastfeed publicly that helps children grow up healthier. We have been involved when necessary in lawsuits to maintain access to care. In fact, our client Milagro Doe won the right for undocumented immigrants to continue receiving public health services when Proposition 187 threatened their right to health services and education. While we do not relish what lies ahead, we will be there for our clients and our communities. Our public officials have stated the same, and we are grateful for that expression of support. We encourage you to read their short statement for inspiration [HERE](#). Our Governor has stated, "...as Californians, we will also stay true to our basic principles. We will protect the precious rights of our people and continue to confront the existential threat of our time - devastating climate change".

Join the demonstration to [support the Affordable Care Act!](#)

WHAT:	ACA Defense Thanksgiving-Themed Rally and Demonstration
DATE:	Tuesday, November 22nd
TIME:	11:00 AM
ADDRESS:	1983 Marengo Street, Los Angeles, CA VISUALS: Home-made signs, Organizational banners

[104 HOSPITALS NAMED TO C-SECTION HONOR ROLL](#)

[CALIF. CUTS NUMBER OF UNINSURED CHILDREN BY MORE THAN HALF](#)

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SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, November 22 9AM - 3:30PM 14th Annual Hepatitis C Summit. The California Endowment, 1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles. Registration information soon, or reach out to: Samuel Gonzalez, MS, Associate Director of HIV and HCV Programs, St. John's Well Child and Family Center, 323-541-1600 Ext. 1079 (office)
sagonzalez@wellchild.org

Saturday, November 19: HomeWalk 10-Year Anniversary United Way's Annual 5K Family Run/Walk New Location: Grand Park, Downtown Los Angeles. This year, we're celebrating 10 powerful years of running and walking together to end homelessness in L.A. County. Register [here](#) to join us.

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RESOURCES:

From the March of Dimes - World Prematurity Day!

Help moms and babies on World Prematurity Day

We've sent cards to the NICU, we've shared #babysfirst and now it's time for you to help us make this World Prematurity Day the most memorable yet. November 17 is right around the corner, and that's the day the world unites to raise awareness of the serious problem of premature birth.

How can you go purple for prematurity? You can wear purple, light your home or office purple, [change your profile pictures to a World Prematurity Day one on Facebook and Twitter](#) to help raise awareness, and [sign up to automatically post a message of support and awareness](#) to automatically post a message of support and awareness through your social media community on November 17.

Let's improve the health of babies in your community and around the world to *Give them tomorrow*.

From the meeting Oct. 20: see handouts [HERE](#)

Guest Speakers: Health-related ballot measures, Domestic Violence Awareness Month

This year, 17 statewide propositions crowd the ballot, at least seven of which have health-related content. Speakers at the Oct. 20 meeting addressed Measure M, Proposition 63 (gun safety) and Proposition 52 - indefinitely extending an existing charge on hospitals to fund Medi-Cal health care services. Luckily, they all passed!

Aracely Lozano, Prevention Community Organizer for Peace Over Violence, spoke on Domestic Violence (DV). POV works in a number of "buckets" - a range of responses that include advocacy, education, prevention, intervention and emergency response. DV is recognized as a serious, preventable public health issue by the Centers for Disease Control, with impact on individuals and society. Ms. Lozano addressed working with children exposed to DV, the role of counselor and efforts to address domestic violence from a preventive standpoint. Peace Over Violence has a number of services for survivors: SART Emergency Response Team; DART Emergency Response Team; Counseling/ Support groups/Art healing; Advocacy (L.E, Court, Accompaniments); Case management Services and Self Defense Classes.

Immigration Fears
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Ultimate Car Seat Guide: Safe Kids Worldwide has created a new interactive tool to help parents keep kids safe in cars from the time they leave the hospital until they are eight years old, the

[Ultimate Car Seat Guide](#).

It's designed for all the digital platforms you use-so, for example, when a parent is buying a car seat they can determine the best car seat for their child depending on their age and height. Safe Kids developed it with its road safety partner, the GM Foundation.

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](#)
- [Parent Coach - Welcome Baby Program](#)
- [CalFRESH \(formerly known as Food Stamps\) Advocate](#)
- [Health Programs and Benefits Trainer](#)
- [Human Resources Manager](#)

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

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Everyone has certain basic rights, no matter who is president

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you are stopped by immigration or the police:

- ✓ Hand this card to the officer, and remain silent.
- ✓ The card explains that you are exercising your right to refuse to answer any questions until you have talked with a lawyer.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please be informed that I am choosing to exercise my right to remain silent and my right to refuse to answer your questions. If I am detained, I request to contact an attorney immediately. I am also exercising my right to refuse to sign anything until I consult with my attorney. Thank you.

NOVEMBER 10, 2016 | Versión en español

By now everyone knows that Donald Trump has been elected president of the United States and will begin serving his term in January 2017. No matter who is president, everyone living in the U.S. has certain basic rights under the U.S. Constitution. Undocumented immigrants have these rights, too. It is important that we all assert and protect our basic rights.

If you find you have to deal with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or other law enforcement officers at home, on the street, or anywhere else, remember that you have the rights described in this factsheet. The factsheet also provides suggestions for what you should do to assert your rights. In English click [HERE](#) and in Spanish [HERE](#).

MCAP (formerly known as AIM) will be delivered through Medi-Cal for new applicants

NO CHANGES for women already enrolled in an MCAP plan before October 1

1) What happens October 1? Pregnant women who apply for the Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP), which used to be the Access for Infants and Mothers program (AIM), and are eligible, will receive their services through Medi-Cal's "regular", or fee-for-service, system, instead of through separate MCAP health plans, starting October 1, 2016.

The women will still have to pay their MCAP subscriber contributions to the State Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS's) vendor, Maximus. Questions about MCAP eligibility and benefits and administrative fair hearings for MCAP enrollees will still go through Maximus and State DHCS. We have asked for a copy of the new "Welcome to MCAP" letter, for the provider bulletin explaining the change, and for a copy of the woman's benefit card. We are told the card will have "MCAP" on it.

2) Are there new aid codes? DHCS sent out a [Medi-Cal News Flash](#).

on Nov. 4 with the following information:

- Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, **aid code 0G** is added to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Verification System. Aid code 0G provides full-scope, no Share of Cost (SOC) health care services (medical, dental and vision), through Medi-Cal fee-for-service, to pregnant women who are California residents with a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) above 213 percent and up to and including 322 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2017, **aid code 0E** is added to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Verification System. Aid code 0E provides full-scope, no SOC health care services (medical, dental and vision), through Medi-Cal managed care delivery system, to pregnant women who are California residents with a MAGI above 213 percent and up to and including 322 percent of the FPL.

NOTE: Women already in an MCAP health plan before October 1, 2016 will not be changed: these women will stay in their MCAP plans until after their babies are born and the postpartum period ends.

2) What services are covered for new MCAP applicants on and after October 1? According to State DHCS, the benefits will be Medi-Cal's Full Scope benefits.

Women enrolled in MCAP on or after October 1 will also have access to Denti-Cal, which is Medi-Cal's dental program.

NOTE: If you know of a woman remaining in an MCAP health plan who needs a dental exam or dental services, please let MCHA

know. These women, too, have a legal right to dental care while in their MCAP plans.

3) What happens after June 30, 2017? At that point, the state will start enrolling all new MCAP applicants into Medi-Cal managed care plans under Full-Scope Medi-Cal, and the women will also receive Denti-Cal. Stay tuned.

Do you have clients? Please be sure they get the prenatal care they need! Call us with any questions or comments! (213) 749-4261: Liz Ramirez (lizr@mchaccess.org), Celia Valdez (celiav@mchaccess.org), or Lynn Kersey (lynnk@mchaccess.org).

104 Hospitals Named to C-Section Honor Roll

From the California Health Care Foundation: On October 26, 2016, California Health and Human Services Secretary Diana S. Dooley [held a press conference](#) to recognize 104 hospitals who have met or surpassed a federal goal aimed at reducing low-risk, first-time cesarean deliveries (c-sections). Secretary Dooley announced achievement awards to the hospitals on behalf of [Smart Care California](#), a coalition of public and private health care purchasers that collectively cover more than 16 million people statewide-or 40 percent of all Californians. As many of you know, [unnecessary c-sections](#) have increased dramatically in California over the last 20 years. While potentially life-saving in certain circumstances, c-sections can pose serious health risks for babies and mothers, while increasing unnecessary costs to the health care system. Evidence suggests that a woman's chance of having a c-section depends in large part on where she delivers, and the practice patterns of her clinical team. Even for low-risk, first-birth pregnancies, there is huge variation in California hospital c-section rates, which range from less than 15 percent to more than 60 percent. To respond to the rapid rise in unnecessary c-sections, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services set a [Healthy People 2020](#) goal of reducing nationwide c-section rates for low-risk, first-time deliveries to 23.9 percent. Today's award, which will be given annually, acknowledges California hospitals that have achieved - and in many cases surpassed - that goal. To see California hospital ratings for maternity care and other topics, visit [CalHospitalCompare.org](#). The site launched with 2015 maternity care data. This award represents a major milestone in the overall movement to reduce unnecessary c-sections in California. It important because it reflects how far our state has come to build consensus for reducing unnecessary c-sections and to do the work to drive improvement.

Calif. Cuts Number of Uninsured Children by More than Half

[October 28, 2016 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service \(CA\)](#)

California cut its number of uninsured children by 55 percent from 2013 to 2015. (Carolina Quezada/NACHC)

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - California has made the biggest recent gains in the country in getting children signed up for health insurance, [according to a new report](#). Researchers at the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families found the Golden State cut its number of uninsured children by 55 percent between 2013 and 2015, just after the Affordable Care Act went into effect.

Mayra Alvarez, president of the Children's Partnership credits the state's decision to fully implement the ACA, expanding Medi-Cal and creating a state marketplace, Covered California, that makes it easy to sign up.

"As a one-stop shopping center, families are notified about what programs for which they or their children may qualify, both private plans, and public programs like Medi-Cal, making the process easier, but also helping secure coverage for more children that are eligible," she explained.

The report said 97 percent of California's nine million children now have health insurance, which beats the national average by almost two percentage points. California's numbers will look even better by next year, because the state began allowing undocumented children to enroll in Medi-Cal this past May. So far, parents have signed up more than 135,000 children.

Joan Alker, executive director of the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families, said polls show most Americans are not aware of the success of these programs.

"About half of Americans thought the number of uninsured children was actually increasing," she said. "Only 28 percent were aware that the number has actually gone down. So, this is a success that we've had as a country, it's not well known, and it's something we can all feel good about."

The report said California still has more than 300,000 uninsured children, which is the second largest number in the country, behind Texas.

See the links below for two stories generated by a media briefing held by New America Media and MCHA on Nov. 4, the second in Spanish by La Opinion:

<http://asianjournal.com/news/mental-to-dental-sb-75-provides-all-california-youth-with-access-to-full-scope-health-coverage/>

<http://laopinion.com/2016/11/04/decenas-de-miles-de-ninos-indocumentados-aun-sin-seguro-de-salud/>

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