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Hello CHAMPers!

Summer is approaching and we are all waiting impatiently for the weekends so we can step outside and go to the beach, mountain or desert! The sun is shining bright and the birds are singing, but amongst all the excitement don't forget to remind families to carry their sun screen lotion, their hat, and lots of water!

Here is some important information regarding healthcare that we will cover in June's edition of CHAMP-Net News!

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Sincerely,

Diana Andrade, Senior Program & Education Specialist

CHAMP-Net Survey!

CHAMP-Net is expanding its services to Fresno, Imperial, Kern and Shasta Counties and we need your help!

If you are from any of these counties, please take about 5-10 minutes to complete our CHAMP-Net [survey](#).

Participation is voluntary and confidential and your responses will be used to design the future county-specific and resource information pages for our site. Also, please forward this [survey](#) link to other program managers, healthcare advocates, CAAs, promotoras, etc within Fresno, Imperial, Kern and Shasta Counties. If you have questions about this [survey](#), please contact Nabihah Basrai at nbasrai@nhfca.org or 213.538.0745.

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Have a question or comment regarding CHAMP-Net or CHAMP-Net News? Please share your suggestions by contacting Nabihah Basrai at nbasrai@nhfca.org or 213.538.0745. We look forward to hearing from you!

[Spotlight On: NHF's Recuperative Care Project](#)

It is estimated that last year in Los Angeles County nearly 1,000 homeless patients ready to be discharged from private hospitals to recuperative care were kept up to four extra days in a hospital inpatient setting because no recuperative care beds were available. Currently, there are only 45 recuperative care beds in LA County. Clearly, more beds are needed to provide homeless patients with post-hospital medical care, case management, and transition into temporary and/or permanent housing. NHF has a unique opportunity to operate recuperative care beds that are available to hospitals in LA County.

A coalition of interested parties including the Hospital

We truly appreciate you taking the time to provide us with your invaluable feedback so we can continue to provide your county with the most relevant information.

The direct link for completing the survey is:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2a10dmbffzxqzwy/start>

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[Pathways to Medical Programs Training](#)

The CHAMP team is pleased to announce that the Pathways to Medical Programs Training is now available in Los Angeles County. This training provides fundamental information on healthcare coverage programs for individuals who are at risk of infection or already infected with HIV, as well as individuals at risk of developing breast or cervical cancer or tuberculosis. This training will equip advocates with the skills and resources necessary to refer families to the appropriate healthcare coverage program. If you would like to obtain more information about this training, please contact Diana Andrade at dandrade@nhfca.org or 213-538-0771.

[May Budget Revise](#)

For information regarding the Governor's May Budget Revise and the impact it may have on the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs, please click [here](#).

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Deficit Reduction Act (DRA)

May's CHAMP-Net News stated that the DRA would be implemented in Los Angeles County at the beginning of June. However, we have been notified that implementation has been delayed, and can be expected by June 30th. At this time, new applicants will be requested to show a receipt proving that their original citizenship and identity documents have been verified. Families can start taking their documents to certain document-verification centers set up by the county to get their receipt. To find the nearest center currently taking documents please call your local Department of Public Social Services or click [here](#).

For more information regarding DRA implementation in counties outside of Los Angeles, please contact your local Department of Public Social Services.

[Healthy Families](#)

Enrolling infants of AIM mothers into the Healthy Families Program

We want to remind you that if a pregnant woman is receiving services through AIM, her infant is automatically enrolled into the Healthy Families Program. Approximately 30 days before her expected date of delivery, she will receive a Healthy Families Handbook and an Infant Registration Form

Association of Southern California (HASC), Kaiser Permanente, the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services, JWCH, Inc, LA Health Action, Neighborhood Legal Services, and NHF have come together to find ways to expand recuperative care capacity. The solution is a two year partnership between the county, private hospitals and the philanthropic sector to fund an additional 45 recuperative care beds which doubles the current capacity. As of right now, 30 beds are already being operated and 15 more are in the planning stages. Patients can be referred from participating hospitals. Once the patient is admitted to the recuperative care, they are monitored and assisted as needed. If you would like any more information please contact Kelly Bruno at 213-538-0708 or Sara Train at 213-538-0782.

in the mail requesting information about her baby. This information must be submitted to Healthy Families after the baby is born. If you do not receive the Infant Registration Form, call 1-800-433-2611. The Infant Registration Form is also available [here](#).

Open Enrollment

As you may have heard, Open Enrollment for the Healthy Families Program has been delayed this year. Families will receive notices with more information. Click [here](#) for more information.

Healthy Kids - Los Angeles County

On May 9th, the LA County Department of Public Health Children's Health Outreach Initiative, in partnership with DPSS and the Children's Health Initiative of Greater Los Angeles, sent letters to all families with children ages 0-5 currently enrolled in Emergency Medi-Cal who are most likely eligible for Healthy Kids. Included with the letter was a list, printed on yellow paper, of contracting agencies in LA County that provide application assistance. The goal of the letter is to provide families with information about their children's eligibility status and encourage them to call LA Care Health Plan or any of the DPH contracting agencies to enroll their child in Healthy Kids. You may receive calls from families who have received this letter or encounter these families at your agencies.

We congratulate DPH, CHI of Greater Los Angeles and partners on their tireless efforts to bridge this gap and enroll more children into healthcare coverage programs.

CHAMP-Net's Tip of the Month: Have fun and stay healthy this summer!

Summer is a time when families like to travel. So it is important to remind them about staying healthy, especially when traveling away from home. CAAs can help by sharing these tips with families for accessing healthcare services away from home.

- **Know your benefits!** Contact your healthcare coverage plan to find out what benefits are covered away from home, whether it is within or outside of California or the United States.
- **Locate providers!** Contact your healthcare coverage plan to find out which providers, including Clinics, are covered in the area where you will be traveling.
- **Bring your health insurance card!** Each family member should travel with proof of their health insurance coverage, so bring your family's health insurance card or cards everywhere you travel to ensure that you can access services if needed during your trip.

CHAMP-Net's Ask The Trainer Question of the Month!

Dear Trainer,

I'd like to request an order of the New Joint Application for Medi-Cal & Healthy Families. Can you help me with this?

Thank you,
Jesse

Dear Jesse,

Hope you are well. There is an order form on the Healthy Families website that you must fax to them. They allow you to order up to 320 applications at one time. Here is the link to the form:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Forms/MC%20370.pdf>

Don't forget that you can also download an application from their website: <http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov>

I hope this helps! Good luck with enrolling families!

-The CHAMP Team

CHAMP Training - CHAMP's Adult Healthcare Coverage Training Manual

CHAMP-Net is excited to bring you the [CHAMP-Adult Manual](#) online! The manual is divided into chapters and has valuable information for assistors who help California families enroll in health coverage programs and who provide referrals to health services.

Some of the important features of this helpful resource manual are:

Who is your client? This feature, found on Page 1-2 and 1-3, matches health resources with the needs of adults by directing them to appropriate sections of the manual.

The **Resource Guide** in Section 9 is designed for assistors and clients who want to contact programs or find additional information on specific health programs and services.

The **Glossary** in Section 10 defines terms used in the manual.

Please click [here](#) to view the manual. Please [e-mail us](#) if you have questions or comments regarding the manual.

CHAMP-Net's County of the Month: Riverside

Riverside County is committed to providing services to the poor, seniors, mothers and infants through clinics and crisis lines within the Riverside community. This month CHAMP-Net would like to highlight some of the programs available to Riverside residents.

Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) - This program is designed to provide prenatal care, nutrition services, education, financial and job

training, child care services and family planning to pregnant and parenting teens under the age of 19. This program also addresses the special needs of teen fathers. Fathers are eligible for services until age 21. During the Adolescent Family Life Program, adolescents are assigned to a Case Manager who will provide referrals and linkages to available resources, in-home visitation/services, advocacy and on-going assessments.

If you would like to obtain more information about this program please call 1-800-794-4814

Black Infant Health Program - This program was designed to improve the health of African American women and children in order to reduce infant mortality rates. The Black Infant Health Program offers alcohol and drugs cessation services, family planning, tobacco control services, dental services and referrals.

Role of Men Program - The Role of Men Program provides a space where men can come together and talk about parenting issues. This program helps men to develop effective parenting skills in order to obtain healthy and emotional relationships with their children.

Services provided include: effective parenting skills, legal rights and responsibilities, job-vocation preparation, and educational assessment.

If you would like to obtain more information about these two programs please call: (951) 210-1392 or (800) 794-4814

For more information about programs available in Riverside County please click [here](#).



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