

# CHAMP-Net News

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Welcome CHAMPers,

As the summer is heating up, we hope you are finding ways to keep cool! And as the temperature rises, the "heat" is definitely on the healthcare coverage programs in California. As many program changes are occurring, it is critical to stay informed in order to best assist our families and keep them healthy. We want to remind you that CHAMP Team is committed to providing the most up-to-date information on the healthcare programs and we will continue to support your hard work with California's families. We hope that the CHAMP Team's efforts have allowed you to better assist the families in your communities. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

In this month's issue of CHAMP-Net News, we highlight some important topics of interest to health advocates including:

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Best,

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your suggestions by contacting the CHAMP team at [askthetrainers@champ-net.org](mailto:askthetrainers@champ-net.org) or 213.538.0774. We look forward to hearing from you!

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***[Spotlight on: Pregnant Teen and Parenting Support Program receives support to expand](#)***

***Each month CHAMP-Net News will highlight a current NHF project.***

National Health Foundation (NHF) has received a grant from the Harold Edelman Foundation and the Jewish Community Foundation to expand its services, enabling NHF to provide educational sessions to a seventh LAUSD high school in the third year of the Harold Cares about Your Future Pregnant Teen and Parenting Support Program. NHF has designed and implemented the Pregnant Teen and Parenting Support program, a 10-week school-based program that combines individual and peer group educational sessions. Core activities include a series of weekly workshops and presentations that help each participant reach the following goals: avoid a second pregnancy; remain in high school with the goal of graduation; prepare for employment by learning job search and interview skills; gain

## News and Events

### **Reach Across America: Free Medical, Dental and Vision Screenings**

Faithful Central will be hosting a program called Reach Across America which provides free medical, dental and vision screenings. These screenings will take place for one week at The Forum on August 11, 2009 through August 18, 2009 and will begin at 5:30 a.m. daily. For more information, please visit the [Reach Across America website](#).

Location: The Forum, 3900 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90305

Dates: August 11th through August 18th

Time: Screenings begin at 5:30 a.m. daily

### **Community Partnerships in Addressing Perinatal Mood Disorders: Clinical and Integrative Perspectives**

The purpose of this 3-day conference is to increase education and integrated access to informed resources and support for perinatal mood disorders (PNMDs). This conference will deliver timely information from highly qualified sources from across the nation. The PSI annual conference is an educational activity for members and professional care providers such as obstetrical providers, gynecologists, pediatricians, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, social workers, counselors and therapists, support and resource providers, educators, laypersons, consumers, and others interested in the topic of maternal mental health. For more information, please [click here](#).

Dates: Pre-conference: August 4-5, 2009; Conference: August 6-7, 2009

Location: The California Endowment, 1000 Alameda Ave., Los Angeles CA 90012

Cost: Varies

### **Los Angeles County Adolescent Health Collaborative Presents Social Marketing and Youth Directed Intervention for Obesity Prevention**

This seminar will cover an overview of adolescents and obesity, the epidemiology, prevalence of obesity among adolescents and risks to their health. It will also include a social marketing and networking website developed by youth. To register for this seminar, please [download](#) the information and registration form.

Date: August 11, 2009

Location: The California Endowment, 1000 Alameda Ave., Los Angeles CA 90012

Cost: \$10.00

enhanced parenting abilities; and utilize appropriate health care for self and child.

For more information about this policy roundtable, contact Brooke Fox at [bfox@nhfca.org](mailto:bfox@nhfca.org).

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## Healthcare Coverage Program Updates

### California Budget Update

After many weeks of uncertainty, California's revised budget has finally been signed by the Governor. Faced with a large budget deficit, the Governor signed a budget and vetoed additional health funds that has gravely affected many health and human service programs. These program cuts are in addition to reductions passed earlier this year. While the budget solutions have been made public, not all health and human service programs have announced how these cuts will impact their programs.

As we wait for the additional program changes, it is crucial that our families remain insured. Families must submit completed annual eligibility packets and continue to submit their premium payments (when applicable) on time. We applaud all your of hard efforts and commitments to helping California stay healthy and insured! Please be sure to check back with [CHAMP-Net](#) for future program updates as they become available.

### Healthy Families Program

Due to a funding shortfall, the Healthy Families Program implemented a wait list for new enrollment in the program, effective July 17, 2009. Additional cuts to Healthy Families in the final budget signed last week by the Governor could cause the program to disenroll children.

Applications for eligible children not screened before July 17th will be placed on the wait list at least until June 2010 if Healthy Families does not get additional money. For more information about the wait list and answers to frequently asked questions, click [here](#). CAAs should continue to submit applications while assisting families to access alternative health care coverage programs and services. Partners in Los Angeles County have created a tool kit to help CAAs identify which programs are open or closed to new enrollment and connect families with available programs and services. To download the toolkit, click [here](#).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Babies born to AIM mothers will still be enrolled in Healthy Families. Also, families engaged in the Appeals Process will remain enrolled.

Please check [CHAMP-Net](#) regularly for updates on all program changes.

## Kaiser Child Health Plan: Change in Dental Enrollment Process

Effective August 1, 2009, families will no longer need to submit a separate enrollment form for their child's membership in DeltaCare USA. The child will automatically be enrolled in DeltaCare USA and assigned a dentist in their area who is also accepting new patients. Health advocates can advise families of the changes and inform them that they should receive a DeltaCare USA membership packet in the mail within 4 weeks of their child's enrollment in Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan. Please [click here](#) to see the notice that was sent to families and/or for DeltaCare USA contact information.

If you have questions about these or any other program changes, please contact us at [askthetrainers@champ-net.org](mailto:askthetrainers@champ-net.org).

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## CHAMP-Net's Tip of the Month: Timely Submissions!

With all of the changes in the Healthy Families Program, there is one way to ensure that our families stay enrolled: timely submissions and premium payments. As simple as it sounds, this important routine is ignored and it can be a crucial part in making sure families stay enrolled in the Healthy Families Program. The CHAMP team encourages CAAs to let families know of these reminders to keep their children enrolled:

- **Monthly premiums must be paid on time.** If the family fails to make their monthly premium payment on time, the family will need to re-apply and will then be placed on the wait list.
- **Families must submit their completed Annual Eligibility Review packets on time.** Make sure families submit all of the required documents and completed packets no later than the due date. If Healthy Families needs additional information, they will call and send the family a letter detailing what they need. All required documents and AER packets should submit all of the paperwork as soon as possible. If the family fails to submit their AER packets on time, they will need to re-apply and will then be placed on the wait list.

It's important to keep families educated about any program changes. Besides the challenge of finding healthcare coverage for everyone, CAAs have done an extraordinary job in assisting

families. Keep up the great work!

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## Ask The Trainer Question of the Month

*Dear Trainer,*

I have a child enrolled in the Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan and would like to enroll my second child in the program as well. However, I was recently told that the Program is closed for new enrollment. Can I still enroll my second child in the Kaiser Child Health Plan? If yes, do I have to submit a new application?

Sincerely,

Jesse

*Dear Jesse,*

Kaiser Permanente child Health Plan (KPCHP) is currently closed for new enrollment in southern California. However, for families who already have a child enrolled in KPCHP and have an open, active case, they can add an additional child(ren) to the program to also obtain medical coverage. Families should not submit a new application, they must complete and submit the membership update form to add an additional child that is not currently enrolled. [Click here](#) to download the membership update form.

Hope this helps!

Sincerely,

*The CHAMP Team*

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## CHAMP Training: Review and Update

When was the last time you attended a CHAMP Review & Update Training? If you haven't attended one lately, come learn about all of the important changes and updates to the programs during these tough economic times. We recently added information

regarding changes to new enrollment accessibility to programs such as: Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan, Healthy Families, including the newly enacted wait list, individuals that are exempted and can still apply, other resources and available programs, and much more! We want to ensure that all health advocates have all of the updates and information they need to assist families better.

If you or anyone at your agency could benefit from this training, please contact Tricia Fitzgerald at 213.538.0778 or [tfitzgerald@nhfca.org](mailto:tfitzgerald@nhfca.org) to schedule a training. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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## CHAMP-Net's County of the Month: Tulare

Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHS) is responsible for ensuring the health, safety and well-being of Tulare County residents. HHS programs and services touch the lives of many in Tulare County, from birth to old age. For a full listing, click [here](#). Tulare County provides a range of health and mental health services at county facilities throughout the county, as well as numerous prevention programs. In an effort to help the residents of Tulare County live safer and healthier lives, we provide programs that focus on children's dental care and prevention, lead awareness, car seat safety, tobacco and nutrition. In addition, Tulare County offers a local initiative program to increase coverage for low-income children.

The Healthy Kids Program is low-cost insurance that provides health, dental and vision coverage to Tulare County children who do not have insurance and do not qualify for low-cost Medi-Cal or Healthy Families. Children ages 0-5 whose family income is at or below 300% FIG regardless of immigration status may be eligible. For additional information on Healthy Kids, call 1-877-613-5437, or visit [www.healthykidstulare.org](http://www.healthykidstulare.org).

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healthcare of the underserved by developing and supporting innovative programs that 1) can become independently viable, 2) provide systemic solutions to gaps in healthcare access and delivery and that 3) have the potential to be replicated nationally.