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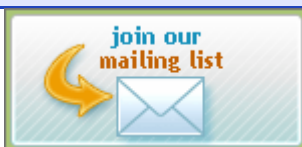
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Hello CHAMPers!

As you may or may not know, there have been many proposed changes to several of California's public healthcare programs. This month, we want to encourage all health advocates to talk to their families and stress to them the importance of utilizing their benefits. Make sure to remind them to get any medical needs taken care today. As we wait to see what changes will take effect in the coming months, CHAMP-Net is committed to providing updates and support to advocates and CAAs statewide. Be sure to check [CHAMP-Net](#) to stay up to date on programs that keep our families insured.

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,

Johana Alvarado, Program & Education Specialist

News and Events

CHAMP Trainings in Orange County

If you are Certified Application Assistant (CAAs) or a health advocate that is currently working in Orange County, NHF is offering numerous trainings in Orange County to help you stay up-to-date on the frequent healthcare program and policy changes. All trainings will take place at CalOptima in

Have a question/ comment regarding CHAMP-Net or CHAMP-Net News? Please share your suggestions by contacting the CHAMP team at askthetrainers@champ-net.org OR 213.538.0774. We look forward to hearing from you!

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***Spotlight on:
[Pregnant and Parenting
Teens Program Database](#)
Each month CHAMP-Net
News will highlight a
current NHF project.***

In January, NHF completed the creation of a database to monitor and evaluate outcomes of its Pregnant Teen and Parenting Support Program. The project, funded by the AT&T Foundation, supported the development of a survey tool and web-based data collection system to track program participants and outcomes. The database maintains participant contact information in order for NHF to contact them for follow-up at 6-month intervals and to send them quarterly e-newsletters with resources and educational information. Data was collected at the start and end of the 10-week program at four high schools and entered into the database; information captured includes: demographics, parenting, contraception use, planning for the future, support systems, program satisfaction and connectivity to community resources. Initial data demonstrate:

- participants think it is important for them to graduate from high school, vocation or trade school

Orange, CA.

Date: February 3 and February 24
Time: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for February 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for February 24
To register, please visit CHAMP-Net's [Upcoming Trainings](#) or contact Tricia Fitzgerald at (213) 538-0778 or tfitzgerald@nhfca.org.

Please note: the Adult training scheduled for March 15th has been changed to CHAMP Children's Healthcare Programs. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia.

Insure the Uninsured Project (ITUP) 14th Annual Conference

Insure the Uninsured Project (ITUP) will be holding its 14th Annual conference and this year it is geared towards discussing the Obama administration's efforts to achieve federal health care reform. ITUP hopes to look at ways to implement health reform in California under federal legislation, including a renewed hospital-financing waiver to cover more of the state's uninsured. ITUP's aim is to increase knowledge, discussion and action towards meaningful and sustainable health care reform that cuts costs, covers more of the uninsured and better integrates the health care system to improve health outcomes.

Date: February 10, 2010
Location: Sacramento Convention Center
Time: 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Cost: \$125
To register, please click [here](#).

Register NOW for the 2010 CAA Conference

CHAMP-Net is excited to announce that registration for the 2010 CAA/Health Advocate Conference is now open! This year, the CAA/Health Advocate Conference will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in Orange County. Don't miss the opportunity to receive information on healthcare programs and a chance to network with other CAAs/health advocates throughout California. Visit [CHAMP-Net](#) or click [here](#) to register for the 2010 CAA/Health Advocate Conference today!

Los Angeles Give Kids a Smile Event

Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) is an annual event that is held in cities across the U.S. to provide oral health education and services to children who may not otherwise have access to dental care. The Pediatrics Program at UCLA's School of Dentistry is a proud supporter of GKAS and will again open its clinics in Venice and Inglewood, CA on Saturday, February 6th for children in and around Los Angeles County. Over 150 volunteer UCLA faculty, pediatric dental residents, dental students and staff will combine forces with community

- more participants feel they have the ability to seek out services in their community
- participants consider being a parent a good thing in their lives
- enrollment in health care coverage for parents and children increased from the start of the program.

For more information about this program, contact Brooke Fox, bfox@nhfca.org.

dentists, RDAs and hygienists to provide free dental screenings and cleanings as well as fluoride varnish and sealant treatments to children ages 1 through 14. At GKAS this year, the UCLA Venice Dental Clinic will offer a special Infant Oral Care Area with dentists experienced in working with babies and toddlers aged 1 to 3 years. In addition, the Venice site will also have trained specialists on hand to help families locate programs that could provide ongoing dental care for their children.

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2010

Location: Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield UCLA Venice Dental Center, 323 S. Lincoln Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

Time: 8:30 am -3 pm

Cost: Free

For more information, please click [here](#).

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Healthcare Coverage Program Updates

CaliforniaKids Co-Payments Update

Beginning January 1, 2010, copayments for the following services has increased for children on CaliforniaKids:

- X-Rays/Lab work: \$25
- Physical Therapy: \$25
- Outpatient Sugery: \$100
- Prescription Drugs: Generic: \$10; Brand \$20
- Behavioral Health: \$15/per office visit.

*All other co-payments remain the same.

Please be sure to let your families know if these changes affect their children. If you have any additional questions, be sure to contact the Customer Service Department (818) 755-9700 and check with [CHAMP-Net](#) for any additional updates.

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CHAMP-Net's Tip of the Month: Use and Retain Your Benefits

While the Governor and legislature duke it out over the state budget, families can be confused about their healthcare coverage and what is still available to them. Here are some

tips to help you navigate through it all:

- Stay updated on budget and health program news through local meetings and news
- Encourage clients to apply for available programs
- Remind clients about utilizing their benefits and assist them if they have trouble accessing services
- Remind clients to submit their renewal documents on time and assist them when needed

The CHAMP Team has put together a matrix of available healthcare options in [LA COUNTY](#) and actions to take which can be used when assisting families. Remember to check [CHAMP-Net](#) regularly for program updates

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Ask The Trainer Question of the Month

Dear Trainer,

I know that the Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan is currently closed in Southern California but I have heard that there is a wait list. Is it true that there is a wait list for the program? How else can I enroll my child onto the program?

Sincerely,

Jesse

Hi Jesse,

Unfortunately, Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan does not have a wait list for new enrollment. 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.

We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

The CHAMP Team

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CHAMP Training: Comprehensive Trainings

Get a 1-day training on healthcare coverage programs available to children, pregnant women and adults!

The CHAMP comprehensive training is a 1- day session that combines CHAMP children and CHAMP Adult training. The training is designed to provide a comprehensive approach to assisting uninsured families by presenting health insurance programs available to qualified children and adults. This training will equip you with the skills and resources necessary to refer families to healthcare coverage programs and enable you to enhance your outreach and enrollment activities.

CHAMP Training Benefits include:

- Comprehensive information on program options, eligibility and screening
- Useful resources, materials and hand-outs provide
- Up-to-date information on State, Federal and safety-net programs
- Free monthly newsletter

Note: This training fulfills the LA County Contractors Training requirement.

For more information or to register for this or other trainings, please visit CHAMP-Net's [Upcoming Trainings](#) or contact Tricia Fitzgerald at (213) 538-0778 or tfitzgerald@nhfca.org.

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CHAMP-Net's County of the Month: Marin

The mission of the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services (H&HS) is to promote and protect the health, well being, self-sufficiency and safety of all people in Marin County. The Department of Health and Human Services (H&HS) delivers, coordinates and administers a range of state, federal and local programs that address the County's health and welfare needs.

Below we highlight some of the many programs available to the residents of Marin County through the Department of Health and Human Services.

Marin Children's Health Initiative

The goal of the Marin Children's Health Initiative is to improve health access for all of Marin's low income children and youth by identifying the uninsured, enrolling them, linking them to services, increasing retention, and providing funding to insure those not eligible for publicly funded health insurance. The programs available to

children in Marin are Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, CaliforniaKids, and KPCHP. For more information on these programs [click here](#).

Dental Services

The Dental Clinic provides complete restorative treatment under the scope of general practice. Treatment needing a specialist may be referred out to community providers. Eligible patients are county program recipients, and others who are qualified for such services. For further information please [click here](#) to view the Dental Clinic brochure.

HHS Health Clinics

The HHS Health Clinics at the Marin Health and Wellness Campus offer STD, TB, HIV, Immunization, Gynecology and Family Planning Services and Maternity Services, all together in one building. For more information on the HHS Health Clinics [click here](#) to view the HHS Health Clinics brochure.

Public Health Nursing

Public Health Nursing Services provide high risk infant follow-up, health education, senior health programs, Southeast Asian case management services, counseling and information on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, education and assessment on childhood lead poisoning, and communicable disease information, reporting and follow-up. For further information on Public Health Nursing please call: (415) 473-6007.

Public Health Nursing - Immunization

Childhood, adult, and travel immunizations, and tuberculin (TB) skin tests are provided at low or no cost. Vaccines are available by appointment only. Please call 473-4400 for clinic hours and appointments. Adverse reactions to immunizations should be reported by telephone to: (415) 473-6891.

Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Services

The STD Prevention and Control clinic provides confidential services to clients, including: testing for STD's, diagnosis, treatment, examination, counseling/case management, partner follow-up, and certain family planning services (FPACT Program). Services are free for anyone under 18 years of age. No one will be denied services because of inability to pay. Appointments are not required; however, they are only able to provide services to a limited number of clients each day. Therefore, we encourage you to arrive before the start of clinic. For more information, please call 415-473-4400.

Women's Health Services - Gynecology

The Gynecology/Family Planning Program of Women's Health Services provides a full range of reproductive and

adolescent health services, gynecologic assessment and treatment, health outreach and counseling, and education to primarily low-income families. Appointments are available Monday - Friday by calling 415-473-4400. Drop-in clinics on Tuesdays 1:30-3:30pm and Thursdays 1:00-3:30pm

Women's Health Services - Maternity

The Maternity Program of Women's Health Services is a full-scope medical practice providing maternity services for low-income and high-risk women, including the provision of antenatal, intra-partum, and postpartum services. For further information please call (415) 473-4400.

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