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Hello CHAMPers!

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you and your loved ones happiness, health, and peace in 2010. As Congress moves closer to an agreement on healthcare reform, we will continue to provide you with timely and important updates about the programs that keep our communities insured and healthy.

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,

Brooke Fox, Program Manager

News and Events

Mandated Reporter Training in Kern County

Learn the definitions of child abuse and neglect, know the physical and behavior indicators and understand the mandated reporter responsibilities at the Mandated Reporter Training sponsored by the Kern County Network for Children. You will also receive the Department of Health and Human Services overview of the services available. Space is limited, so please register online at the [Kern County Network for Children](#).

Date: January 13, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: University Square Building, 2000 "K" Street, Room US-1, Bakersfield, CA



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comment regarding
CHAMP-Net or CHAMP-
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your suggestions by
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the CHAMP team at
askthetrainers@champ-net.org
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look forward to hearing
from you!

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

The Harold Cares about Your Future: Pregnant Teen and Parenting Support Program ended 2009 with an exciting celebration. Four high schools hosted the program on their campuses last semester and had a combined total of 75 teens that were committed to finishing the 10-week workshop series. The workshops were very successful as many students took active part in each session. The topics covered included: nutrition, childcare, family planning, baby basic care 101, career preparedness, and much more. At the end of 10 weeks, a graduation dinner took place at a local restaurant. Friends and family gathered to celebrate the teens'

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Healthcare Coverage Program Updates

Cancer Detection Program: Every Woman Counts

The *Cancer Detection Programs: Every Woman Counts* provides free clinical breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exams and Pap tests to California's underserved women. These women are age 40 and older (cervical cancer screening is provided to women 25 and older), and have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). In response to this year's budget crisis, the Program will stop providing breast cancer screenings to women younger than age 50 starting January 1, 2010. Women that are currently enrolled in Medi-Cal will continue to receive coverage for routine breast cancer screenings. For more information, please be sure to check [CHAMP-Net](#) or visit the [Every Woman Counts](#) website.

Healthy Families Program - Waitlist Update

On December 16, 2009, MRMIB staff reported that the Healthy Families waitlist has been cleared and that all waitlist application have been processed. The Healthy Families Program reopened to enrollment on September 17, 2009 when additional funds were found for the program. As many of you remember, the waitlist reached approximately 50,000 applications. Since the program reopened, over 80, 000 children have been enrolled. We applaud your dedication to insuring California's families!

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CHAMP-Net's Tip of the Month: Use CHAMP-Net as Your Resource Guide

Do you know about CHAMP-Net and how it can best assist you? CHAMP-Net is an interactive website that provides information about free and low-cost healthcare coverage programs for California's uninsured families. Not just that, the website supports, assists and educates health advocates by providing updates on health insurance coverage programs and also offers interactive tools to help CAA's assist families throughout the application process and beyond. [Click here](#) to visit our website.

Now ask yourself: Are you taking full advantage of all CHAMP-Net has to offer? CHAMP-Net provides advocates with useful resources such as: program forms and handouts, useful links and a tool-kit to help you enroll more children and refer more adults to appropriate healthcare coverage programs.

Here is a list of resources, features and tool-kits available on

achievements. Participants received a certificate of completion and gifts for themselves and their babies.

The ultimate objective of this program is to empower students to make healthy decisions for themselves and also access the support and resources they need.

For more information about this program, contact Jeanette Peña at jpena@nhfca.org.

CHAMP-Net:

- **Program forms and handouts** - can be printed to assist you in providing information to families. Examples of useful forms include: countable resources for Medi-Cal, Healthy Families Annual Eligibility Review form, AIM program Infant Registration form, and much more.
- **Federal Income Guidelines (FIG)**- updated April 1 of each year to include the most recent FIG criteria for each program.
- **Ask The Trainers** - Ability to e-mail the CHAMP trainers with any program question and get a response within 48 hours.
- **CAA Tutorial** - Refresher courses for CAA's and health advocates.
- **Eligibility Calculator** - Useful tool that allows you to input a family's information and the calculator will tell you for which healthcare coverage program the child or pregnant woman may be eligible.

If you're not already doing so, start today by taking advantage of all the *FREE* resources and features available on the website to help you assist families better! Visit www.CHAMP-Net.org today!

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Ask The Trainer Question of the Month

Dear Trainer,

Can a person who is 19 years old and living at home, but does not go to school apply for Medi-Cal? Does the parent apply for him or does he apply by himself? Also, what if this person qualifies under the PRUCOL classification? Can they still fill out the mail in Medi-Cal/Healthy Families application or do they have to meet with and eligibility worker?

Sincerely,

Jesse

Hi Jesse,

The Medi-Cal program will cover any child under the age of 21 who meets the eligibility requirements. In order to be screened for eligibility, and to apply for the Medi-Cal program, the child should visit his local Department of Public Social Services office.

If the child is eligible for Medi-Cal and falls under PRUCOL status it means that he would have access to full-scope Medi-Cal.

There are also other pathways to Medi-Cal but these are for special populations, such as individuals with a disability, tuberculosis or foster care children.

If the child is a resident of LA County, there may be other programs that they may be eligible for, such as ATP, PPP or ORSA.

ATP - (800) 378 - 9919

ORSA - (800) 378 - 9919

PPP - (800) 427 - 8700

We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

The CHAMP Team

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CHAMP Training: CHAMP Trainings in Orange County

If you are a Certified Application Assistant (CAA) or health advocate currently working in Orange County, please read below!

The CHAMP Team is pleased to announce its comprehensive trainings for new and experienced Certified Application Assistants (CAAs) and health advocates to help uninsured families enroll in healthcare coverage programs. All trainings will take place at CalOptima in Orange, CA. For more information or to register for a training in Orange County, 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: Orange

Orange County provides services that are designed to improve the health of its residents and make the county a safe place where families can live, work and play.

In this issue, we'd like to highlight the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health program. The mission of MCAH is to promote health and prevent disease within the community. MCAH provides community resources and integrated quality health care services. They are committed to making a difference in the health of Orange County residents. Some of

the services they provide include:

- Free physicals for eligible infants, children and adolescents, including treatment for minor illnesses
- Free immunizations for infants, children and adolescents
- Travel immunizations
- Influenza (flu) shots are available to County residents who are in the highest priority groups because of their age or health condition
- Family planning and pregnancy testing services
- Women and men's reproductive health services
- Dental health services

Please [click here](#) for the MCAH program brochure. We will be discussing some of these programs and many more during our CHAMP Trainings in Orange County.

For clinic locations and appointments, please call (800) 914-4887, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call the Health Referral Line at (800) 564-8448.

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