



IN THE LOOP

ADOLESCENT HEALTH IN SAN FRANCISCO

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SAVE THE DATE



Our 5th Annual Provider Gathering will be Friday, March 14th from 8:30 to 10:30 AM



Transitional Age Youth Launch

A report released Monday, January 28, 2008, by the Mayor's Transitional Youth Task Force calls for a new approach to address the needs of an estimated 8,000 young adults ages 16 to 24 in San Francisco who are disconnected from education, employment, and social support systems. Newsom convened the Task Force to develop a new vision for meeting the needs of the City's most vulnerable youth. The 36-member Task Force, comprised of leaders of City departments, representatives of community-based organizations, and young people identified 16 specific recommendations on how the City can better serve TAY. Contact Rachel Antrobus, the City's new Transitional Age Youth Initiative Director at rantrobus@dcyf.org for a copy of the report or for more information on the initiative.

What's New at the AHWG

We are working on some exciting new projects!

Budget Advocacy— The AHWG staff and Steering Committee are creating budget priorities and actively advocating city-wide to ensure that adolescents are a priority in the 08-09 city budget. Large budget cuts are looming all over the state. We must ensure that adolescents receive high quality services and care! Look for AHWG Budget Advocacy Alerts....



SF Youth Health Referral Card- Our popular Youth Health Services and Referral Pocket Card is getting updated to include the 5 new high school Wellness Centers and the most recent contact information for local clinics and hotlines. The referral cards have been an incredible tool for youth seeking services. To request your copies of the new card, please contact: alicia@ahwg.net.

HEALTH curriculum— In partnership with the Wellness Centers, we have been presenting our HEALTH curriculum to various San Francisco high schools including: Washington, Galileo, and Lowell. The HEALTH curriculum informs youth about California minor consent laws and confidentiality rights. To request a HEALTH presentation please contact Rachel David at rachmdavid@yahoo.com.

Behavioral Health Module Evaluation- We are in the process of evaluating the Behavioral Health Module of the Adolescent Provider Toolkit Series. In the next couple of months, we will be contacting recipients of the Behavioral Health Module to collect additional feedback on the usability and effectiveness of this newly released resource. Use this link to download a free copy of the toolkit: <http://www.ahwg.net/resources/toolkit.htm>.

Staff Update- Our office has been bustling with a full staff! We went from 2 to 5 team members in a matter of just a couple months! We have enjoyed having Rachel David, our SF State Community Health Education student intern, along with Sharon Papo, our UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare Graduate intern, here at AHWG. We have also had the pleasure to welcome back former AHWG employee, Owen Morse.



Snapshot— We are currently updating the Snapshot of Adolescent Health in San Francisco, last updated by DPH in 1999. The purpose of the report is to assess the health of S.F. youth by providing an overview of key health indicators for teens and young adults. It is a great resource for advocates and providers.

Website— Our website is getting a makeover! Upon receipt of our Capacity Building grant from the CA Endowment last fall, we have been working with Antharia, a small website management company, to improve the design and usability of our website. We'll keep you posted on our progress and future launch date...



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New Adolescent Program from SF Beacon



San Francisco Beacon Centers, in partnership with Kaiser, The California Endowment, and Team up for Youth, are now offering, "Gateway to Fitness," an after school program for adolescents ages 10-14. The Gateway to Fitness Model offers a range of fitness activities, along with nutrition education, and parental involvement to help prevent obesity among elementary and middle school youth. The program, offered at the 8 Beacon locations, provides culturally-appropriate nutrition through hands-on cooking classes and food preparation for enrolled youth. In addition, one parent (or guardian) of each youth is offered a free 1 year membership to the YMCA. For a list of branches, referrals, activities or more information visit: www.sfbeacon.org, or email Aldo Rodriguez at arodriguez@dcyf.org.

Protect Essential Funding for our Programs!

Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth and the Family Budget Coalition are calling on parents, youth and service providers to join in advocacy efforts to ensure family and youth-focused budget priorities throughout the San Francisco budget process. The health committee includes: the AHWG, Heath Initiatives for Youth, the Transitional Youth Task Force, and the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center. To join the network contact: Chelsea Boillard at (415) 239-0161 x19 or email at cboillard@colemanadvocates.org.

CDC to Release National Adolescent Health Report

CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) plans to release *Adolescent Health In the United States, 2007* in early 2008. The chart book includes 46 figures and text on the health of adolescents under the following topics: population demographics, health status, violence and victimization, reproductive health, risk behavior, and access to health care (approximately 160 pages). There is no charge for the chart book, however quantities are limited. The chart book will also be available on the NCHS website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/Default.htm> after its release. If you would like to receive a copy of *Adolescent Health In the United States, 2007*, please contact Andrea MacKay at anm3@cdc.gov.

Minors' Reproductive Rights Threatened

Proponents for parental notification have received funding to put an initiative on the 2008 ballot for a THIRD time!! The initiative is almost identical to Props 73 and 85, requiring parental consent for a minor to receive an abortion. Planned Parenthood has been closely monitoring their efforts and reports that signature gatherers have been in the Bay Area, Fresno, Sacramento, and other California cities. To view a full text of Initiative 1249, visit: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm#1249

You can help. If you see signature gatherers please make note of the date, time, and exact location. Note buttons, signs etc., and take samples of literature. Most importantly, ask them if they are being paid or if they are a volunteer. After the sighting please email David Alois, Planned Parenthood at: david.alois@ppacca.org.

Upcoming Events

Community Conveners

The Community Conveners (CC) Initiative is a citywide program funded through DCYF. Each neighborhood has been assigned a CC and monthly meetings are scheduled at each location. Each meeting is designed to bring community members together to discuss neighborhood needs and inform DCYF of these needs. The Initiative has a significant impact on strengthening the network of services available to children, youth and families in San Francisco. It is important to keep health on the radar at each of these meetings. Meetings are open to the public. For a complete list of community meetings and events visit: www.dcyf.org/content.aspx?id=2582

'Be the Change' at June Jordan School of Equity

The Fourth Annual 'Be the Change Day' is Wednesday, March 5th from 8:15-12:30pm at June Jordan School for Equity. The school-wide teach-in is designed to build bridges between students and community resources, shed light on pressing issues as well as support students in making healthy choices at school and in their personal lives. June Jordan is calling on providers to facilitate two, one hour workshops. A few of the selected topics include: gangs, depression and suicide, police brutality, youth employment, hate crimes, LGBTQ awareness, and urban art. For a complete list of topics, or to provide a workshop please contact Oriana Ides, Peer Resource Coordinator, at 415-240-0939 or email her at guavabelli@gmail.com.

Understanding Urban Teen Life

Saybrook Graduate School and Research Center is presenting a series of panel discussions that will engage educators, counselors and parents to think about teenage development within an urban-American context. The forum will bring together local and national minds on teen development, gender, street-life and family, to provide a supportive dialogue for individuals who engage with teens on a daily basis. There will be three panel discussions which include experts from psychology, medicine, and social services.

Where: The First Unitarian Universalist Church
1187 Franklin St, San Francisco 94109

Panel #1: March 19th, 7-9pm

Understanding the Teen World through an Adult Lens.

Panel #2: April 16th, 7-9pm

A city full of choices: the teenager's reach for identity and community amidst a jungle of opinions

Panel #3: May 21st, 7-9

Building the Safety Net: Strengthening alliances between family, educators and the community.

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