



# In The Loop

## 4th Annual Teen/Young Adult Health Providers Gathering

The Adolescent Health Working Group would like to invite you to this annual networking event. There will be updates on youth health issues and the debut of the Behavioral Health Adolescent Provider Toolkit.

FREE breakfast will be provided.

**Who:** Health care providers, behavioral health providers, and health educators who care for teens and young adults

**Where:** SF Community Clinic Consortium, Penthouse Conference Room  
1550 Bryant Street, SF

**When:** 2/23/07 Friday  
8:30-10:30am

Register online at [www.ahwg.net](http://www.ahwg.net)  
RSVP by 2/14/07

## Want to be *In The Loop*?

Want to join AHWG's network and receive newsletters and advocacy alerts?

Are you interested in becoming an AHWG Steering Committee Member?

Please email Tina Sang at [tjsang@gmail.com](mailto:tjsang@gmail.com)

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## Adolescent Health in San Francisco

### Happy New Year 2007!

The Adolescent Health Working Group wishes you a happy and healthful new year! Thank you for your continuing collaboration. We truly appreciate your support and hope this issue of *In The Loop* will update you on our current projects and upcoming events.

2006 was a year of transitions for the Adolescent Health Working Group. Our founder and fearless leader, Dr. Janet Shalwitz, stepped down from her position as Director of AHWG. Janet continues to be our advisor and cheerleader. She is currently our consultant on the Behavioral Health Adolescent Provider Toolkit Project.

The AHWG staff also experienced transitions in their work roles. Michael Smith, Policy Coordinator, is currently Field Coordinator at the California School Health Centers Association and continuing his advocacy efforts at AHWG. Natalie Combs, Project Coordinator, has been preparing AHWG's Behavioral Health Toolkit for publication. Tina Sang, Toolkit Project Coordinator, was hired last month to be AHWG's new Project Coordinator. We are excited about improving the health of teens and young adults in our new roles.

In addition, the AHWG office has moved to a new location. We are now sharing office space at the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families. Please refer to the bottom of the newsletter for our up-to-date contact information.

During this transitional period, we have relied heavily on our Founder and Senior Advisor Dr. Janet Shalwitz, Marlo Simmons the Adolescent Health Coordinator for the SF Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families and Department of Public Health, and AHWG Steering Committee Members. Their hard work, vision, and leadership inspire and guide our work.



## Current AHWG Projects

The AHWG staff is hard at work on a variety of projects including:

- ◆ Behavioral Health Adolescent Provider Toolkit
- ◆ Ongoing Advocacy for Accessible, Affordable, and High-Quality Health Care for Adolescents and Young Adults
- ◆ San Francisco Transitional Aged Youth (18-25) Resource Guide
- ◆ California Minor Consent Laws Pocket Card [Update]
- ◆ San Francisco Youth Health Services and Referrals Card [Update]
- ◆ 4th Annual Teen/ Young Adult Health Providers Gathering

**[Check our website www.ahwg.net for news and updates!](http://www.ahwg.net)**

## SFUSD Student Health Needs Assessment

In the spring of 2006, the Balboa High School Teen Health Center's (BTHC) Youth Advisory Board (YAB) developed a needs assessment to measure the health knowledge, health access and views about school health services of San Francisco Unified School District's (SFUSD) high school students. The needs assessment was completed and returned by over 1,600 students. While the YAB had BTHC staff support and help from the Adolescent Health Working Group and the California School Health Centers Association in processing the assessment's findings, it was a youth-led process that resulted in the groundbreaking large data set.

The needs assessment was also groundbreaking because of the health data it revealed. Here are the top 3 highlights:

- 1) Many respondents, particularly those who are newly arrived immigrants, showed a striking lack of information about their minor consent and confidentiality rights.
- 2) Significant health education gaps among respondents exist in regard to what health services are available to the students on campus.
- 3) Respondents strongly supported having greater access to primary care, reproductive health and behavioral health services on their school campus.

The YAB is now in advocacy mode. They are taking the results of the needs assessment to the San Francisco Youth Commission, San Francisco Health Commission and ultimately the SFUSD School Board in an effort to address the health access and health education rights of all SFUSD students—with a specific focus on increasing students' knowledge of minor consent and confidentiality rights. Stay tuned for more exciting news on this topic!

### *New Resources, Upcoming Events and Job Opening*

#### **San Francisco Rapid HIV Testing Sites for Youth Under 25**

**Bayview Healing Arts Ctr/  
Third St. Youth Ctr & Clinic**  
Th: 1:00-4:00PM, Drop-In  
5190 Third Street  
(415) 822-1707

**Cole Street Clinic**  
Tu, Th: 2-5:00PM, By Appt Only  
555 Cole Street  
(415) 386-9398

**Larkin Street Clinic**  
M, Tu, W, F: 2:00-4:00PM  
W & F: 9:30AM-12:00PM  
1138 Sutter Street  
(415) 673-0911 x259

**Dimensions Queer Youth Clinic**  
Th: 5:30-8:00PM  
Sa: 12:00-3:00PM  
3850 17th Street  
(415) 487-7500

**Youth Guidance Center**  
375 Woodside Ave #W3

#### **Confidentiality Rights & Minor Consent Issues DVD**

The much anticipated DVD of the popular Confidentiality and Minor Consent in Adolescent Mental Health Training is now available. This training was consistently rated very highly by attendees in evaluations and is now available for purchase for \$19.99 plus shipping and handling per DVD. Contact Robin Kirkpatrick at [robink@californiateenhealth.org](mailto:robink@californiateenhealth.org) for more information.

#### **California Minor Consent Laws Pocket Card**

This pocket card for health providers and youth outlines health services minors can consent for. This revised version includes definitions of health services so young people are informed about their health care rights. Visit [www.ahwg.net/resources/resources.htm](http://www.ahwg.net/resources/resources.htm) to download the minor consent card for free in March.

#### **Adolescent Provider Toolkit: Behavioral Health**

The Behavioral Health Toolkit will be published in February 2007! It includes best practices, screening and assessment tools, and health education materials on adolescent mental health and substance use problems. Visit [www.ahwg.net/resources/toolkit.htm](http://www.ahwg.net/resources/toolkit.htm) to download the toolkit for free in March.

#### **Teen/Young Adult Health Providers Gathering**

Come join AHWG for this annual networking and social event. There will be updates on adolescent/ young adult health issues and the Behavioral Health Toolkit debut.

Where: 1550 Bryant Street, SF  
When: 2/23/07 Friday from 8:30-10:30am

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#### **THE PILOT: Premier of Health Initiatives for Youth Peer Educator Workshops**

Support HIFY's peer educators by coming to the premier of their 2006-2007 workshops. These workshops on healthy relationships and substance use/harm reduction are developed by and for youth. This event will also debut the Alameda County Provider's Guide. Come see one-of-a-kind workshops, network with community friends, and enjoy refreshments.

Location: First Unitarian Church of Oakland  
685 14th Street (at Castro), Oakland, CA

Time: Wednesday, January 24, 5:00PM to 7:30PM

To RSVP, please contact Mateo Cruz at [cruz@hify.org](mailto:cruz@hify.org)

#### **Mental Health Services Act Advisory Committee Meeting**

Next meeting on Wednesday January 31, 2007 from 3-5PM in the Tenderloin community.

#### **Job Opening: YouthPOWER Project Aide**

YouthPOWER is a substance and violence prevention grant in the Bayview Hunters Point.

Essential job functions include:

- 1) Conduct outreach to raise awareness about the project
- 2) Support Community Action Teams in BVHP
- 3) Assist in preparing agendas, meeting minutes, and community trainings
- 4) Develop and distribute reports and educational materials.

Minimum Qualifications:

- \* Possession of high school diploma or equivalent
- \* Ability to work flexible hours including some nights and weekends

Desired Qualifications:

- \* Resident of BVHP
- \* Good communication skills

Salary: 20 hrs/week @ \$15/hr

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