



# IN THE LOOP

ADOLESCENT HEALTH IN SAN FRANCISCO

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

Are you interested in becoming an AHWG Steering Committee Member?

Questions? Comments?

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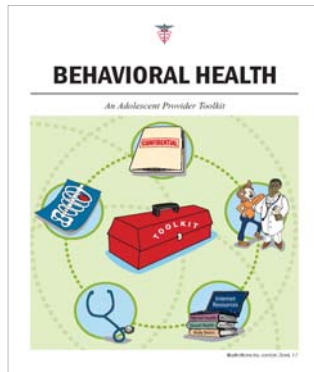
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## AHWG RECEIVES COMMENDATION

On August 31, 2007, the San Francisco Youth Commission presented the AHWG Steering Committee with a commendation for its continued dedication to the well-being of San Francisco's young people. The Commission recognized the AHWG as a strong ally and tireless advocate for the health of all young people in San Francisco. We are honored by this acknowledgement and look forward to continued work with this amazing group of young leaders and their dedicated staff.

## 5TH MODULE OF THE ADOLESCENT PROVIDER TOOLKIT



After three years of development, the AHWG is thrilled to announce the completion of the 5th module of the Adolescent Provider Toolkit. The subject of this module is Behavioral Health. The module was developed by and for multidisciplinary health care providers who work directly with adolescents and young adults and also provides resources for anyone working with youth. To download the Behavioral Health Module for FREE, visit our website at: [www.ahwg.net](http://www.ahwg.net).

## UPCOMING EVENTS, RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP

CPEHN, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, has announced their fall convening series: *Our Issues, Our Voices: Communities of Color Advocating for Health*. Four public speaking convening's are scheduled in California.

Oct. 17, Fresno  
Oct. 30, Oakland  
Nov. 1, San Diego  
Nov. 7, Los Angeles

For registration and more information go to: [www.cpehn.org/events.php](http://www.cpehn.org/events.php)

### FREE FAMILY WORKSHOP

The San Francisco Health Plan, and the Instituto Familiar de la Raza, Inc., are joining together to present parent workshops. The FREE workshops are designed to help parents better understand the managed care system. Workshops are held in Spanish, English, and Cantonese. Childcare is available. For more information visit [www.sfhph.org](http://www.sfhph.org), or contact Jose Aguilera at (415) 777-9992.

### AHWG TO HOST FAMILY ACCEPTANCE PROJECT FORUM ON OCTOBER 26TH

The AHWG is pleased to announce a community forum featuring the Family Acceptance Project (FAP). FAP is a community research, intervention, and education initiative studying the impact of family acceptance and rejection on the health, mental health, and well-being of LGBT youth. Participants of the forum will gain a new understanding of: the impact of family acceptance on LGBTQ youth, the best practice approaches to serving LGBTQ youth, and preventative services for out-of-home youth.

To register for the forum visit [www.ahwg.net](http://www.ahwg.net)

For more information on FAP visit: <http://familyproject.sfsu.edu/>



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## NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed every October across the country. National, state, and community organizations, businesses, health care providers, and others mark the month with educational programs, recognition and memorial ceremonies, community outreach, and other efforts.

LEAP (Look to End Abuse Permanently) is an organization of health care providers and volunteers dedicated to ending intimate partner violence by establishing intimate partner violence screening, treatment, and prevention programs in the health care setting. LEAP provides many resources for providers and the public to download and print for FREE. Resources are available in English, Spanish, Russian, Tagalog and Chinese.

More information is available at [www.leapsf.org](http://www.leapsf.org).

## AHWG WELCOMES NEW STAFF AND INTERNS!

We are happy to announce that our staff is expanding. We welcome two new staff and two new interns.

[Alicia Rodgers](#) joined AHWG as the Project Coordinator in June 2007. She previously worked at New Generation Health Center and Daly City Youth Health Center. Alicia is currently pursuing her Masters of Public Health at San Jose State University. She is busy distributing the newly released Behavioral Health Module of the Adolescent Provider Toolkit and planning the first annual AHWG San Francisco Peer Educator Gathering in November.

[Owen Morse](#), a former staff member of AHWG, has returned to us as a temporary Special Projects Coordinator. He is helping us create a new Adolescent Health Network Database and is assisting in several other projects and upcoming events.

[Sharon Papo](#) is a graduate student at the UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare. She will be developing and implementing an evaluation of AHWG's Behavioral Health Module. She will also support the Balboa HS Health Clinic's Youth Advisory Board in advocating that minor consent and confidentiality information be included in SFUSD health education classes.

[Rachel David](#) is an undergraduate student in the SFSU Community Health Education Program. She is working to update the AHWG Data Snapshot of Adolescent Health in S.F. and presenting the AHWG H.E.A.L.T.H curriculum at SFUSD middle and high schools.

## ANNUAL TEEN SURVEY RESULTS

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University recently released the finding from its 12th annual teen survey: *National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse XII: Teens and Parents*. The study found striking trends that make a greater case for increased, personal engagement with students on the issue of substance abuse by parents, teachers and others. For more results and information visit their website: [www.casacolumbia.org](http://www.casacolumbia.org)

## NEW SOURCE FOR SF HEALTH DATA

Kidsdata, a project of the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, is expanding to include San Francisco, Marin, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties this Fall. Visit <http://www.lpfch.org/kidsdata/aboutkidsdata.pdf> for more information.