



IN THE LOOP

adolescent health in san francisco

Welcome to the first edition of *In the Loop*, a publication of the San Francisco Adolescent Health Working Group. We hope that this quarterly newsletter will help the adolescent health community connect and coordinate our efforts and services. Please tell us about your new projects by e-mailing news@ahwg.net.

COMING SOON: UCSF ADOLESCENT GRAND ROUNDS

UCSF Adolescent Grand Rounds, co-sponsored by the UCSF Division of Adolescent Medicine and the Adolescent Health Working Group, will begin in late February or early March. The quarterly meetings, which will involve case-based discussions on topics that providers in the community have requested, will serve as an opportunity to share ideas, ask questions, give answers, and connect with other community adolescent providers.

For more information, please contact Erica Monasterio at the UCSF Division of Adolescent Medicine ericam@itsa.ucsf.edu or 415.476.1955

HIFY offers a variety of trainings and inservices to support youth workers and health care providers. Our trainings are informative, interactive, inclusive and applicable. Thanks to the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration and San Francisco Department of Public Health, HIFY is expanding our training staff. Whether you'd like a training onsite at your agency or a training with providers from throughout the Bay Area, HIFY can accommodate your needs. To register for a training or to order an inservice, check out www.hify.org.

Trainings (in San Francisco)

Health and Youth Development Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth; HIV and Youth; Substance Use and Youth; Relationships and Youth (Summer 2002).

Inservices (at your agency)

What if your whole agency or department wants a HIFY training? HIFY encourages agencies to schedule an Inservice, a 2-4 hour mini training held onsite at your agency. Additionally, we offer a "Training of the Trainers", focusing on group facilitation and presentation skills, which is very popular for youth peer educators.

For more information, please contact Kim Compoc at 487.5777x32 or compoc@hify.org.

SFHP to Begin Birthday Card Project

In 2002, the San Francisco Health Plan (SFHP), a local not-for-profit health plan providing affordable health coverage to lower-income San Franciscans, is beginning a member-based incentive program designed to encourage adolescents to seek healthcare and to reward adolescents for receiving an annual well visit.

SFHP will send a birthday card explaining the program to each member turning 12-21 years. The card will include a form for the PCP to sign and the teen to submit to SFHP for two free movie tickets. SFHP will include the parents by sending them a letter explaining the program. The incentive program is consistent with SFHP's continuous commitment to teen health. Overall, the goals of this program are to improve the health of SFHP adolescents and to encourage providers to examine, treat and counsel their teen patients annually.

THE THIRD BAY AREA ADOLESCENT HEALTH CONFERENCE MAY 8-10, 2002 ✨ ASILOMAR CONFERENCE CENTER

Planning is well under way for the Third Bay Area Adolescent Health Conference, which will be held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Monterey from **May 8-10, 2002**. Stay tuned for information on registering. Our next planning committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2002, from 10:30 am until noon. Location TBA. If you are interested in coordinating a workshop or serving on the conference planning committee, please contact Jenn Kaufman at 415.576.1170 x313 or jenn@ahwg.net.

The 7 high school **Wellness Centers** are all fully staffed and staff have space to do their important work with young people! Referrals are increasing and there are increasing efforts to coordinate student health and support services within the schools and well as with community programs. DCYF will be hiring a staff person to provide overall coordination of the Wellness Center SFUSD and SFDPH staff and contract agencies. The Wellness Center sites include the following:

High School	Coordinator	Phone Number
Galileo Academy	Karen Cancino	749-3430 x3240
Lincoln	Christy Parsons	759-2713 x170
Lowell	Elene Lee	759-2730 x3173
McAteer	Maria Goepfert-Maguire	695-5719
Marshall	Miki Garvey	695-5612
Mission	Frederique Clermont	241-6680
Washington	Dana Hoffman	750-8400 x3171

The Second Chance Program, a tattoo removal clinic which takes place three times a month and is held at San Francisco General Hospital 4C, is seeing about 75 youth per month. Pierre Marie-Rose, MD serves as the Medical Director.

Intake, orientation, and case management take place at Carecen (1245 Alabama Street, in the Mission). For youth under 18, parental consent is required. For more information, please contact the case management team at 415.824.2330 x926 or x188 or visit www.carecensf.org.

The San Francisco Department of Public Health, the Bringing Up Healthy Kids Coalition (BUHK) and the Adolescent Health Working Group (AHWG) have partnered on a youth-specific health insurance outreach effort.

Utilizing a portion of California State funds allocated to county Departments of Health for Healthy Families outreach, a team of youth, working with BUHK and AHWG, have created outreach materials. The brochures, posters, and condom keychains will be used to increase youth enrollment in public health programs. The brochures will be available in English, Spanish and Chinese, the posters in English and Spanish, and the keychains in English only. The keychains are available now, while the 19,000 brochures, and the 500 posters will be available by the end of the month. The team of youth will bring them to high schools, peer groups, teen centers, health clinics, and other youth-friendly locales.

For more information, please contact Daniel Leonard, Adolescent Health Working Group (415.576.1170 x314 or dan@ahwg.net) or Frances Culp, San Francisco DPH (415.554.2795 or frances_culp@dph.sf.ca.us).

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION UPDATE

SB 1169, which allows California women to procure Emergency Contraception (aka The Morning After Pill) from their pharmacists without a visit to their doctor, was passed in early October. The Adolescent Health Working Group plans to convene a group of pharmacists, Medi-Cal Minor Consent and FPACT policymakers, and youth law experts to address the ways in which this bill will uniquely affect teen experience. Of primary concern are confidentiality, consent, billing, awareness, and utilization. To learn more about this project, please contact Jenn Kaufman at 415.576.1170 x313 or jenn@ahwg.net.

**COMING SOON?!?
ADOLESCENT HEALTH
COORDINATOR POSITION**

Thanks to so many of your advocacy efforts, the San Francisco Department of Public Health has agreed to develop the Adolescent Coordinator position. Because of personnel hurdles, however, the hiring timeline is uncertain. The Adolescent Health Working Group is exploring the ways in which the adolescent health community might be able to get involved in the hiring process. For more information, please contact Sharon Dolan at HIFY, 415.487.5777x16 or dolan@hify.org.

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