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**DID YOU MISS THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS CONFERENCE & POLICY SYMPOSIUM?**

Couldn't make it to the annual conference in Phoenix? Or did you miss a workshop you wanted to attend? The National Health Care for the Homeless Council invites you to experience *Striving for Inclusion: Health Care, Housing & Rights for All* online. The Council is posting presentations from workshops featured at the conference. Presentations, which can be accessed from the schedule at [www.nhchc.org/2008conference/workshops.html](http://www.nhchc.org/2008conference/workshops.html), include these on homeless children and youth:

**DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS IN CHILDREN: RECOGNIZING AND ACTING ON RED FLAGS**

Participants will learn the epidemiology of developmental delays in young children and will be able to recognize and act on "red flags." A "best practice" early intervention and shelter program collaboration currently implemented in Philadelphia will be presented, with strategies for replication in other HCH sites.

## HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS CLINICIANS' NETWORK

### Presenters:

Sherri Alderman, MD, MPH, University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Center for Development and Disability, Albuquerque, NM  
Marilyn Edmond, BSA, Philadelphia Health Management Corporation/Child Link, Philadelphia, PA  
Deborah McMillan, MSW, LSW, Philadelphia Health Management Corporation, Philadelphia, PA  
Denise Taylor Patterson, MSW, LSW Philadelphia Mental Retardation Services, Philadelphia, PA

### Materials:

Audio from workshop (MP3)  
Website Information on Developmental Screening (.doc)  
AAP Guidelines (PDF)  
Recognizing and Acting on "Red Flags" for Child Developmental Delays in Young Homeless Children in a Medical and Shelter Setting (.ppt)  
Developmental Screening Quality Improvement Initiative (.ppt)

## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH

Research demonstrates that youth engage in sexual activities to secure food, money, a place to sleep, drugs and alcohol. For these reasons, clinical care of homeless youth must include sexual health care. This workshop covers sexual development in homeless teens, new treatments in sexually transmitted infections, and skills for talking to homeless youth about sexual behaviors.

### Presenter:

Eddie Bonin, MN, FNP-BC, Tulane Drop-In Health Services, New Orleans, LA

### Materials:

Workshop audio file (MP3)  
Adolescent Sexual Health (ppt)  
Adolescent Sexual Health - Psychosexual (ppt)

## UNDERSTANDING TRAUMATIC STRESS IN CHILDREN

This interactive session helps participants understand how traumatic stress affects children experiencing homelessness and how to help them heal.

### Presenters:

Kathleen Guarino, LMHC, National Center on Family Homelessness, Newton Centre, MA  
Katie Volk, MA, National Center on Family Homelessness, Newton Centre, MA

### Materials:

Audio from workshop (MP3)  
Understanding Traumatic Stress in Children (ppt)  
Slides (PDF)  
NCFH Understanding Trauma Booklet (PDF)

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### PREVENTING CAVITIES FROM BIRTH THROUGH ADOLESCENCE FOR THE NON-DENTIST

This session explains the causes and effects of cavities, how they affect health and growth, and their impact on the child's development; also includes training to treat cavities before they require a dentist.

#### Presenter:

Gretchen Henson, DDS, CASS Dental Clinic for the Homeless, Phoenix, AZ

#### Materials:

Workshop Audio (MP3)  
Who Needs a Dentist? (ppt)

### EASY HEALTH: DROP-IN CENTERS OFFERING HOMELESS YOUTH HEALTH CARE

Learn about partnerships, programmatic efficiencies, costs, and outcomes associated with offering health care at the same site as a youth drop-in center. Models from Minneapolis and San Francisco are discussed.

#### Presenters:

Josephine Pufpaff, MPP, YouthLink, Minneapolis, MN  
Jane Schulz, NP, Hennepin Country Human Services & Public Health, Minneapolis, MN  
Dina Wilderson, PhD, Larkin Street Youth Services, San Francisco, CA  
Kathleen Ryan, NP, Larkin Street Youth Clinic, San Francisco, CA

#### Materials:

Audio file from workshop (MP3)  
Meeting the health care needs of homeless youth through strategic partnerships

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### UCSD FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: ADDRESSING THE HEALTH NEEDS OF THE UNDERSERVED

The University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, offers its [Addressing the Health Needs of the Underserved](#) program, now in its ninth year. This program is for physician/faculty in family medicine, pediatrics or internal medicine who have a passionate commitment to work with underserved communities. In this program, the participant will acquire skills to develop teaching programs for medical students and residents in community and underserved medicine, do scholarly work in primary care of the underserved, and create community-based programs.

Over 100 faculty from 30 states have completed the program. Comments from previous participants include:

- *“Invaluable and inspiring”*
- *“Very well organized and comprehensive”*
- *“Created a learning community”*
- *“I am inspired and more focused in my desire to work with the underserved”*

## HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS CLINICIANS' NETWORK

**General Format:** Sessions are designed for learning in small groups; maximum participation is limited to 15 physicians. Each week's curriculum combines the learning of faculty development skills with a focus on common problems of the underserved including homelessness, environmental concerns in the inner city, access to care and community empowerment.

### Dates for the 2009 program:

Week One: Monday, March 30 - Saturday, April 4, 2009

Week Two: Monday, May 11 - Saturday, May 17, 2009

Week Three: Monday, September 21 - Saturday, September 26

**Tuition** for the three-week program is \$1,200. Those interested in participating should contact the Program Director or the Program Coordinator as soon as possible since there are only 15 available spots and they fill up quickly.

### Contact Information:

Ellen Beck, MD, Program Director | ebeck@ucsd.edu | 858 534-6160

Carol Bloom-Whitener, Program Coordinator | cbloomwhitener@ucsd.edu | 858 534-6160

For more information and resources specific to poverty and health care, visit the web page developed by the HCH Clinicians' Network at [www.nhchc.org/povertymedicine.html](http://www.nhchc.org/povertymedicine.html).

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### CALL FOR PROPOSALS: NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS CONFERENCE & POLICY SYMPOSIUM | Proposal Submission Deadline: October 3

The National Health Care for the Homeless Council is accepting proposals for workshop and poster presentations for the 2009 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium, which will be held in Washington, DC, on June 23 - 27. We seek introductory, intermediate and advanced workshop and poster session proposals to:

- Educate participants about elements of HCH practice
- Establish and enhance skills for HCH work
- Advance consumer participation in all aspects of HCH
- Describe methods for effective change in public policy and advocacy
- Present evidence-based practices and programs
- Educate practitioners in order to inform clinical practice
- Share emerging/promising practices

The theme of next year's conference is [Working Together for Health, Housing & Human Rights](#). Key content areas for workshop proposals:

#### Health Care Delivery

Primary care | Dental, vision | Mental health, substance use | Case management  
| Outreach | Consumer perspective

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### Administration

Staffing issues | Governance | Finances | Grant writing | Consumer perspective

### Policy & Advocacy

Health care access & financing | Housing | Medical respite care | Incomes & entitlement programs | Consumer perspective

The full Call for Proposals, Proposal Form, Sample Proposal Forms and more are on the Council website at [www.nhchc.org](http://www.nhchc.org).

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### 2008 KIDS COUNT DATA BOOK

Data from the **Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2008 KIDS COUNT Data Book** are now available in an easy-to-use, powerful online database, the **KIDS COUNT Data Center**, which allows you to generate custom graphs, maps, ranked lists, and state-by-state profiles; or, download the entire data set as delimited text files. The pull-down menus also allow you to read the book online or view the book in PDF format. The **KIDS COUNT Indicator Brief** series summarize research on each of the 10 indicators used in the KIDS COUNT annual Data Book to measure overall child well-being and present strategies to address the underlying causes of these outcomes. A soon to be released **Resource Guide** will provide a brief description and ways to get more information about the promising programs referenced in the 2008 KIDS COUNT Data Book Essay.

**SOURCE:** ©2008 The Annie E. Casey Foundation | [www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org)

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### GET READY FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

We hope your organization will join hundreds of other organizations in support of the efforts to help enroll eligible, uninsured kids in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's **Back-to-School Campaign**. Following are just a few of the ways to get involved:

- Download and tailor a **template listserv** to send to your members outlining ways they can get involved in their own community
- Post a **Cover the Uninsured Web button** on the home page of your organization's website
- Include a **newsletter article** in your organization's print publications and e-newsletters
- Download **free planning guides** tailored to help you plan specific events and activities
- Many new templates are available to help you reach out to your community and show the importance children's health coverage, including an **Event Advisory**, a **News Release**, an **Op-Ed**, a **Letter to the Editor**, and a **Community Calendar Listing**. These templates are easily tailored to fit your organization's message and audience. Just customize and send!

Go to [www.CoverTheUninsured.org](http://www.CoverTheUninsured.org) to learn more and access these free resources.

**SOURCE:** Cover the Uninsured: Let's Get America Covered | ©Robert Wood Johnson Foundation | [www.CoverTheUninsured.org](http://www.CoverTheUninsured.org)

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### EFFECTIVE PRACTICES FOR ENGAGING AT-RISK YOUTH IN SERVICE

Youth Service America announces a new publication designed to provide an overview of the underlying theory and effective practices for promoting service-learning for young people. Youth service and service-learning practitioners and others whose mission is to plan and implement community service programs for youth will find this guide helpful. To review and download a copy, go to [http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging\\_At-Risk\\_Youth\\_in\\_Service.PDF](http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging_At-Risk_Youth_in_Service.PDF)

**SOURCE:** Mayor's Office of Partnerships & Grant Services' Funding Alert | District of Columbia Government | August 18, 2008

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### EDUCATION RIGHTS OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Visit the [Interagency Council Education for Homeless Children and Youth web page](#) for helpful resources to ensure the education rights of homeless children and youth.

**SOURCE:** U. S. Interagency Council on Homelessness e-newsletter | August 21, 2008 | [www.usich.gov](http://www.usich.gov)

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### FILLING AN URGENT NEED: IMPROVING CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE IN MEDICAID AND SCHIP

This new report from the [Kaiser Commission for Medicaid & the Uninsured](#) synthesizes experts' views on children's access to oral health care in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program; barriers to access; and recommended state actions to expand provider participation, benefits, and oral health education. Download the free PDF from the Foundation Center at

[http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/pubhub/pubhub\\_item.jhtml?id=fdc63500005](http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/pubhub/pubhub_item.jhtml?id=fdc63500005)

**SOURCE:** PubHub Alert | Foundation Center | August 12, 2008

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### COMPLETE SURVEY TO QUALIFY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAINING ON ENHANCED SERVICES

Warren Village, a housing program with integrated child care, counseling, and education or job training for single parents, has secured dollars for training agencies in how to adopt aspects of their "[Transformational Housing Model](#)." Warren Village's "Transformational Housing Model" is a nationally award-winning program that has been replicated throughout the country. Agencies and/or properties interested in expanding their programs to include family support services, quality child care and/or expanding volunteer involvement can qualify for scholarships for training by participating in an online survey. The survey asks participants to provide input on expanded services and a program's or property's needs.

Take Survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=mvYoqRBZs21Odmeh2OcRtQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=mvYoqRBZs21Odmeh2OcRtQ_3d_3d)

**SOURCE:** Alliance Online News | National Alliance to End Homelessness | August 5, 2008

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## HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS CLINICIANS' NETWORK

### UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

**September:** "Join the Voices of Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery" | Annual National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month | Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration | Go to <http://recoverymonth.gov> for materials in both English and Spanish, print, multimedia and web-based

**September 21 - 27:** National Homeless & Low Income Voter Registration Week | Visit [www.endhomelessness.org/section/policy/advocacy/voterregweek](http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/policy/advocacy/voterregweek)

**October 6 - 7:** A Home for All: Bringing the Pieces Together | 2nd annual homeless & supportive housing conference | Sponsors: Florida Coalition for the Homeless, Florida Supportive Housing Coalition, and Florida Department of Children & Families | [www.flshc.net](http://www.flshc.net)

**October 23 - 25:** National Summit of Clinicians for Healthcare Justice | Washington, DC | [www.allclinicians.org](http://www.allclinicians.org)

**November 6 - 9:** Collaboration: The Key to the Medical Home | Collaborative Family Healthcare Association's 10th Annual Conference | Grand Hyatt | Denver, CO | [www.cfha.net](http://www.cfha.net)

**November 13 - 14:** Striving for Inclusion: Health Care, Housing & Rights for All | 2008 Region I Health Care for the Homeless Conference

**December 21:** Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

**June 23 - 27, 2009:** National Health Care for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium | Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill | Washington, DC

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The Health Care for the Homeless Clinicians' Network brings you this Pediatrics Interest Group e-mail update. We invite you to share your opinion on issues of concern to the pediatrics community. In addition, we welcome your feedback. If you have comments or suggestions for improvements to the newsletter, please send them to the Healing Kids newsletter editor, Brenda Proffitt, at [bproffitt@nhchc.org](mailto:bproffitt@nhchc.org). If you decide to cancel your subscription, please send a blank e-mail to [network@nhchc.org](mailto:network@nhchc.org), and put Leave Pediatric Interest Group in the Subject line of your message.

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