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Welcome to KPFP.ORG's Newsletter, Issue #10

December is here and 2009 is drawing to a close. Kings Partnership for Prevention will be entering the New Year as a 501c3, an accomplishment we have been working toward for several years.

This official non-profit status brings with it great opportunity for the growth of the Coalition and to take on new and progressive prevention projects. Our mission remains constant and that mission is: "To proactively engage our communities by supporting, participating in and creating opportunities for healthy life choices".

May all of your Holiday choices be healthy and on behalf of Kings Partnership for Prevention, we look forward to your participation in our Prevention Community in 2010. The next KPFP Meeting will be January 15th at Hannah's House in Hanford at 10:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you there.

[Nell Lobdell](#), Coordinator
Kings Partnership for Prevention

Thank You



Or visit KingsView.org

December Events

Kings County Tobacco-Free Partnership & Corcoran Drug, Alcohol & Tobacco Task Force Invite you

Date: Monday, December 7, 2009
Time: 6:00-7:00 PM
Location: Corcoran City Council Chambers,
1029 Chittenden Avenue
Corcoran, CA 93212



Chronic diseases cause the greatest number of preventable death and disease in the United States. Each day in the U.S. more than 1,300 kids become regular, daily smokers and between one third and one half will eventually die as a result of their addiction. The causes of chronic disease are more complex than poor choices of an individual. Easy access to tobacco and a preponderance of advertising exhorting the benefits of tobacco lead youth to believe that tobacco is a socially acceptable habit. Reducing youth access to tobacco in their communities with strong Retailer Licensing Ordinances is an effective way to reduce youth uptake of tobacco.

We need your attendance and your support on December 7th!

For additional information on how you can support this effort, contact Oralia Vallejo at 559-584-1411 ext. 2602, or Anthony Gracian at 559-362-9958.

The youth of Kings County are counting on you.

"One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done." Marie Currie

Kings County Help



At a Glance Calendar

Kings County Tobacco-Free Partnership & Corcoran Drug, Alcohol & Tobacco Task Force Meeting
Corcoran City Council Chambers
Monday, December 7
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Annual Kings County Foster Children's Christmas Present Donations
Presents due: Tues, December 22

KPFP General Meeting
Hannah's House
Friday, January 15, 2010
10:00 AM

KINGS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT H1N1 VACCINATION CLINIC SCHEDULE: December 2009

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KINGS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC, 590 SKYLINE BLVD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16: 9:00 am – 11:30 am & 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21: 9:00 am – 11:30 am & 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

CORCORAN

KINGS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC, 1002 DAIRY AVENUE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

HANFORD

KINGS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC, 330 CAMPUS DRIVE – BUILDING 3

WALK-INS MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8:00 am – 11:00 am & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **IN BUILDING 3**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm **IN BUILDING 5**

ONLY THE TARGET POPULATION WILL BE VACCINATED AT THESE CLINICS:

- * All Healthy Young People Ages 6 months through 24 years
- * Medically Fragile Individuals through age 64
- * People who live with or are Caregivers of
- * Infants under 6 months of age
- * Pregnant Women
- * Health Care Workers
- * Emergency Medical Services Workers

NOTE: A signed Consent form will be required for every person to be vaccinated
Call 1-800-649-5399 or visit our [website](#) with any further questions.

KFPF General Meeting

Kings County YMCA
Thursday, April 1, 2010
5:30 PM

KFPF Officers

Nell Lobdell
Coordinator

Karen Gomez Barrera
Chairperson

Kathy Cruz
Vice Chairperson

Peggy Gregory
Treasurer

Danette Welch-Hughes
Secretary

KFPF Newsletter Archives

Looking for an article from a previous KFPF newsletter?

Be sure to check out our [Newsletter Archive](#) to view in a web browser or to download a printable PDF!

KFPF in the Sentinel

The Hanford Sentinel publishes a weekly local guest commentary provided by KFPF.

Contact [Nell Lobdell](#) if you or your organization would like to submit an article.

[Click here](#) to view the archive or to download a PDF.

KingsHelp.org

Did you know that KFPF.org can now be reached by typing in [KingsHelp.org](#) or [KingsHelp.com](#) into your website browser!

It's easy to remember!

Annual Kings County Foster Children's Christmas Present Donations

On behalf of Kings County's foster children, the Kings County Human Services Agency/Child Protective Services Division is eager to fulfill some of the Christmas wishes of our special children ages 0 to 18 years. These children include those who are dependents of the Kings County Juvenile Court, as well as children of families who are voluntarily accepting services through our Agency.

Presents need to be dropped off, **unwrapped**, or in a gift bag at Rossen Hall in the Kings County Government Center by December 4, 2009. It is important gifts are received by this date due to a need to wrap and distribute all of the gifts to these children who may be in placement throughout the state of California by December 22, 2009 so that the children can enjoy the gifts on Christmas Day.

The following is approximately the ages and amount of children currently receiving services from the Agency that we are requesting gift donations for:

235 Boys: 0-18 years of age

225 Girls: 0-18 years of age

If your organization would like to participate or if you should have any questions, please contact Kelly Avila at (559) 582-3211 ext. 4954 or send an email (kelly.avila@co.kings.ca.us) with the number of cards that you are requesting and where the cards should be sent.



Local Announcements

Corcoran High School After School Program

The Corcoran High School After School Program held every Thursday at 3:30pm in room 31.

After School Program



Looking for something fun and educational to do After School?

Then come join the Safer Choices Program where you learn about teen pregnancy prevention, STD/HIV prevention, and refusal skills through the use of role-plays, skits, and much more. Also, you can become part of the **Board Of Outstanding Youth Advisors (BOOYA)** where you will receive leadership training, event planning, and service-learning education. Help Plan this year's 5th Annual Teen Summit held at Corcoran High School.

**Every Thursday 3:30 p.m.
Room 31**

Raffles Held Every Month

For more information call:
Rolando Valero at (559) 244-3612
or
Sindi Cardiel at (559) 992-2949

Please distribute to any CHS students who would be interested in being part of the program. Students will learn teen pregnancy prevention, STD/HIV prevention, and refusal skills. Also they can become part of the Board Of Outstanding Youth Advisors (BOOYA) and receive leadership training, event planning, and service-learning education. These students will help plan the 5th Annual Teen Summit.

Rolando Valero
Program Coordinator
Kings County Rural Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program
Phone: (559) 244-3612
Fax: (559) 221-6219
www.healthcollaborative.org

Do you have a family member who suffers from a mental illness? You are not alone.

Come and join us at the Family Support Group Meeting -

First and Third Tuesday of Every Month
Reception 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Kings County Behavioral Health
450 Kings County Dr., Suite 104
Hanford, CA

Providing support to families and others coping with mental health issues - from schizophrenia, bipolar to depression.

For more information call 559-582-3211 Ext. 2333

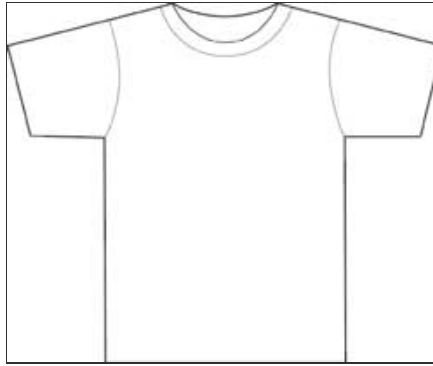


Attention Youth!

CYAN Needs a T-Shirt Designer!: T-Shirt Design Contest

Youth Quest is an exciting event where over 400 California youth gather to learn how tobacco use in films influences youth to start smoking, work to make youth voices heard to the Hollywood movie industry and the tobacco industry, meet with state legislators, and celebrate the achievements of youth advocates throughout the state who are dedicated to making California healthier.

The back of the YouthQuest 2010 shirt will have the design featured. The design will be chosen on originality, and incorporating the theme for this year.



CONTEST PARAMETERS

Submissions must be received by: January 15th, 2010. Front chest will have this logo and "Youth Quest 2010" written on it. Graphics will be screened onto TBD colored shirts.

THEME: Roll Up the Red Carpet on Tobacco in the Movies

Entry must be designed by a California high school student. Maximum 4 colors in design and compatible for the back of a tshirt. Send in paper form, fax, or as a .PDF, .jpg, .pub, .png, or .gif. Include name, age, school, town, and where you heard about this contest.

Send as attachment to julia@cyanonline.org or to:
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On Going Announcements, Events & Resources

Online Resources

[To register](#) for CADCA's 2010 Leadership Forum:

[To access](#) the new OJJP online-tool for communities regarding gang prevention

[To Learn](#) about National 3D Month

OSDFS RE-PRESENTING IN-DEPTH WEB COURSES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT—THIS WEEK —SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOL CONNECTIVENESS

As part of training for OSDFS grantees a series of in-depth one week, step-by-step trainings were originally developed around the topics of bullying, Gangs, School Connectedness, Truancy, Underage Drinking and several others. These continuing education workshops were presented as live online events and are now available for your use as professional development tools in prevention.

The first one that we are re-offering to you is on School Connectedness. It was initially offered in 2006 by the National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Drug Prevention and School Safety Program Coordinators with funding from the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, U.S. Department of Education. These strategies are still in use.

OSDFS is in the process of updating some of the other Titles and will be offering them soon.

[School Connectedness and Meaningful Student Participation](#)



New Campaign Targets Health Care Providers: Providers Urged to Treat the Disease of Nicotine Addiction

What if a patient were struggling with a serious disease and her health care provider did nothing to treat it? That happens whenever a patient suffering the disease of nicotine addiction leaves a provider's office without getting help to quit. Fortunately, providers everywhere are realizing that this deadly addiction can and must be treated. A new campaign is helping to remind them.

With a grant from the Centers for Disease Control, the California Smokers' Helpline has created a communications campaign targeting health care providers statewide. It urges providers to ASK their patients if they use tobacco, ADVISE the ones who do to quit, and REFER them to the Helpline for free telephone counseling.



Launched in October and running through June 2010, the campaign includes ads and an article on "Treating Patients with Nicotine Addiction" in health care provider publications, banner ads on their websites, and postcards sent to over 23,000 health care professionals throughout the state, including members of the California Academy of Family Physicians, California Association of Physician Assistants, California Primary Care Association, California Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and California Safety Net Institute.

New Free Tools for Promoting Ask, Advise, Refer

To help more organizations reach health care providers with the Ask, Advise, Refer message, we have created a number of new tools, which may be accessed free here at the TECC [web site](#): Article on "Treating Patients with Nicotine Addiction" for use in health care provider publications. Print ads in three sizes, in both color and black and white. Banner ads in seven sizes. Postcard for mailing to health care providers.

If you are interested in working with the health care providers in your area to increase referrals to the Helpline, you may want to consider working with local affiliates or members of the organizations listed above.

Incentive for Increasing Referrals

And, just as a reminder, the Helpline is also offering a small incentive -- a \$100 VISA debit card -- to local tobacco control programs for increasing referrals to the Helpline from the health care providers in their counties from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. [Click here](#) for more details.

For More Information

If you would like more information or technical assistance in promoting cessation to the health care providers in your area, please call us at (858) 300-1010.

Together, the Helpline and health care providers are helping patients quit!

Master's of Science in Prevention Science Degree

Great News for the Prevention Field! The Degree has been approved by the Board of Regents, and enrollment is now open for Spring 2010 courses through the University of Oklahoma's (OU) College of Liberal Studies (CLS).

The course format will be **100% online**. Contact CLS at <http://www.ou.edu/cls/> for more information on how



to enroll into the program and apply for financial aid.

For more information visit the Southwest Prevention Center's web page specifically for this Degree, <http://swpc.ou.edu/services/masterdegree.htm>

For more information contact:

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Call Your Member of Congress in Support of Screening, Brief Interventions and Referral to Treatment Today

BACKGROUND

On Thursday, October 29th, the House released its healthcare reform bill, the Affordable Healthcare for America Act. The bill is a combination of the House Tri-Committee language (comprised of the Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means Committees). A vote on this legislation could happen in the House as early as this week. Although the House merged bill contains a number of strong provisions for substance use disorder services, the legislation does not include substance use screening and brief intervention services as reimbursable preventative services, a provision that was a part of the Education and Labor Committee approved bill.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Please call your member of Congress today and ask them to support including SBIRT (Screening, Brief Interventions, Referral to Treatment) as part of the revised House bill. You can reach them by calling the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and asking for their office. (If you don't know who your member of Congress is, you can find out by going to <http://capwiz.com/cadca/home/> and entering your zip code.)

TIMING

Please call your member of Congress Today.

Nationwide Public Health Alert

Life-Threatening Risk Posed by Cocaine Laced with Veterinary Anti-Parasite Drug

SAMHSA is alerting medical professionals, substance abuse treatment centers, and other public health authorities about the risk that substantial levels of cocaine may be adulterated with levamisole—a veterinary anti-parasitic drug.

There have been approximately 20 confirmed or probable cases of agranulocytosis (a serious, sometimes fatal blood disorder), including two deaths, associated with cocaine adulterated with levamisole. The number of reported cases is expected to increase as information about cocaine adulterated with levamisole is disseminated. [Read more](#)

H1N1 / Swine Flu Information

1. Download [H1N1 Flu: A Guide for Community and Faith Based Organizations](#).
2. [Quick Facts](#) about seasonal flu and Pandemic H1N1, Spanish version coming soon!
3. [Vaccine information](#) about seasonal flu and Pandemic H1N1, Spanish version coming soon!
4. Second edition of the [Pandemic H1N1 Update](#), English.

Please disseminate widely.



Landmark Investment in Prevention: HHS Announces Stimulus Prevention and Wellness Fund



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's (ARRA) Prevention and Wellness Fund. The initiative, entitled Communities Putting Prevention to Work, will create healthier communities across the nation through innovative and proven approaches that address physical activity, nutrition, obesity, and tobacco use.

The dedication of these funds represents a "historic and long overdue investment in communities that will achieve long-term, lasting improvements in physical activity, nutrition, weight, and tobacco cessation" said HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius; it is also the culmination of a national movement for prevention that many of you a played a part in. We commend every one who worked to advocate that prevention belonged in ARRA. As an organization whose mission is directly tied to the advancement of prevention, this is an incredible opportunity and success.

Prevention advocates must now work together to ensure that these dollars have the greatest impact possible. By investing in quality prevention that promotes equitable health and safety outcomes, community engagement, and multi-sector collaboration, and emphasizing broad-scale, sustainable change, funded communities and those of us who support their efforts hold the keys to success.

Please [FORWARD](#) this alert to others interested in primary prevention and encourage them to [JOIN THE NETWORK](#) so they too can be informed as new prevention-related resources are released.

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