



California Childcare Health Program (CCHP)

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Greetings

New Year Greetings to you all! The staff here at CCHP is settling into our new home in Berkeley. As we reported in December, our toll-free Healthline number remains the same, (800) 333-3212 (California Only). Our old main office number will still work. We have a new number as well, (510) 204-0930. Our address is 1950 Addison St., Suite 107, Berkeley CA 94704. Individual staff can be contacted at the numbers on our website, available here: <http://ucsfchildcarehealth.org/html/contact/contactmain.htm>

The January February Health Connections Newsletter is now available on the CCHP website at: http://ucsfchildcarehealth.org/pdfs/newsletters/2007/Jan_Feb_07.pdf You will find the articles:

- *Deciding When to Exclude Children from Care Due to Illness*
- *Conversations in Child Care*
- *Adult Relationships: Creating a Nurturing Workplace*
- *Ten Tips for Parents to Create a Nurturing Family Environment*
- *Eczema Relief*
- *MRSA and Antibiotic Resistance*
- *Lead Poisoning Prevention*
- *What is Down syndrome?*

News and Resources

NATIONAL CCHC REGISTRY: Child Care Health Consultants all over the U.S. are taking advantage of an opportunity to market their services directly to child care providers by registering with the Child Care Health Consultant Registry. The registry is administered through the Healthy Child Care Consultant Network Support Center (NSC), which is funded by The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). The mission of the Support Center is to strengthen statewide networks of Child Care Health Consultants (CCHCs). The NSC provides resources and support that help CCHC networks promote the healthy development of children in out-of-home early care and education settings. The CCHC registry is one way they are doing this. There are currently very few registrants from California so we encourage you to go to the link today to sign up. By completing and posting your information through the National CCHC Registry, active Child Care Health Consultants (CCHCs) can help child care providers in their area find the consultation support they need to meet the specific needs of the children and families they serve. National and state leaders will also use the information provided by CCHCs and others to get a clear picture about the CCHC resources in California and across the country. Take 5 minutes, click the link and register today. <http://hccnsc-dev.edc.org/register/join.asp>.

IMPORTANT NEW ORAL HEALTH LEGISLATION! This year a new law, AB 1433, was passed requiring oral health assessments for children entering public school for the first time (at kindergarten or first grade). The ultimate goal of this program is to establish a dental home for each child. The program will identify children who need further examination and dental treatment, and will identify barriers to receiving care. Tooth decay is caused by an

infection and does not heal without treatment. If cavities are not treated, children can develop infections severe enough to require emergency room treatment and their adult teeth may be permanently damaged. The required assessment, or evaluation, can be met in many ways. It can be a complete examination and treatment plan performed by a dentist, or it can be a more basic oral health evaluation, such as a screening, which can be performed by a dentist, hygienist or a registered dental assistant with supervision.

What does this new law require?

- Beginning January 1, 2007, schools must notify parents or guardians about this new requirement and must provide information on the importance of oral health to overall health and school readiness. It also requires schools to provide enrollment information for government benefit programs such as Medi-Cal and Healthy Families.
- Children entering public school for the first time, in kindergarten or first grade, are instructed to have their oral health assessed by a dental professional by May 31st of the first school year. Oral health evaluations that occurred within the 12 months prior to school entry also meet this requirement.
- Parents may obtain a waiver of this requirement if they cannot find a dental professional to do the evaluation, the assessment poses an undue economic burden, or the parent chooses not to have their child's oral health evaluated.
- Schools must collect and aggregate specified data and school districts must forward specified data by December 31 of each year to their County Office of Education.

There is no penalty for students who are not able to get their oral health assessed or for schools with non-compliant pupils.

For this first implementation year, parents with children in their first year of school will be notified of the requirement in January, 2007 and have until May 31, 2007 to either get the assessment for their child or request the waiver. For younger children, assessments that occur 12 months prior to school entry, as well as assessments that occur before May 31 of the child's first year of school meet this requirement.

More information for schools is available on the California Dental Association's Website:

http://www.cda.org/advocacy_&_the_law/legislation/kindergarten_oral_health_requirement/information_for_schools

ANOTHER IMPORTANT NEW LAW GOES INTO EFFECT:

AB 2865 amends the Healthy Schools Act to extend to private child day care facilities requirements for pesticide use that already applied to schools and public child day care facilities. The law went into effect January 1, 2007. Family Child Care programs are still exempt from these requirements.

This new law will require private licensed child care centers to notify parents about pesticide applications and post notices in areas treated with pesticides. The law also will ensure that all child care providers have access to information and trainings on least-toxic Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques to help them create a safer environment in which to care for young children.

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation has prepared an informational handout: *How IPM Can Help Child Day Care Facilities* http://www.schoolipm.info/daycare/ab2865_faq.pdf.

Here are some other resources for managing pests while minimizing risks to health and the environment:

Keeping Children Safe from Pests and Pesticides:

www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org/pdfs/healthandsafety/pestspPesticidesen021306.pdf

School IPM Web site, <http://www.schoolIPM.info>

CALIFORNIA WORKING FAMILIES POLICY SUMMIT

If you haven't yet registered for the California Working Families Policy Summit, register now!

The California Working Families Policy Summit 2007 will be held Thursday, January 18, 2007 at the Sacramento Convention Center from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Registration opens at 8:00 am. To see the full agenda and register, go to www.ccrwf.org.

This year's Summit Workshops will feature the state's leading advocates presenting their legislative agendas for

the upcoming year. Issues include child care, after-school care, preschool, health, dental health, nutrition, physical activity, welfare, food stamps, child welfare, child support, family medical leave, and workplace policy.

Also, join us at the Summit Luncheon honoring the leadership of the California Legislative Women's Caucus and featuring outgoing Caucus Chair Senator Christine Kehoe and Chair-elect Assemblywoman Patty Berg. You will hear keynote remarks from Joan Williams, Director of the Center for WorkLife Law at University of California, Hastings. Thank you to our Platinum Luncheon Sponsors Kaiser Permanente and SEIU-UHW!

With more than 20 of the state's most respected advocates presenting, you are sure to be empowered with great ideas, new hope and a stronger commitment to supporting the needs and dreams of California's working families.

HOW TO REGISTER:

There is no charge to attend the Summit Workshops and a nominal charge to attend the Luncheon - but you must register.

To view the Summit program, go to www.ccrwf.org, where you can also register on-line or download the registration form to fax or mail.

Register soon as seating is limited! For questions, contact Cathy Murnighan, Summit Conference Coordinator at (916) 944-4935 or summit@ccrwf.org.

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