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## CONGRATULATIONS LHJs on Completing your Title V-5 year Needs Assessment! Well done!

All of us here at FHOP wish to give you a big round of applause for completing the needs assessment process. We know it was a lot of hard work and we tip our hats to you. Congratulations!

Now, take a deep breath and get ready for working on your Action Plans! Yay! We will have a brief hiatus between now and the first webinar training on July 23rd during which time we have only one request - please complete the forthcoming evaluation of the needs assessment process over the past year - usefulness of training, data, and other material designed to assist LHJs through the process. This will help improve the process for the next needs assessment. We will send you the link in the coming weeks and we look forward to working with you on completing your Action Plans in the next fiscal year.

***\*\*Happy 4th of July from FHOP\*\****

## Pertussis/Whooping Cough

Why is there a resurgence of a preventable, highly contagious disease?

As of June 17, 2014 more than 3,400 new cases of Pertussis, also referred to as whooping cough, were reported in California between January 1st and June 10th 2014. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has officially determined the outbreak as an epidemic.

Experts say that the trend is caused not only by the cycle of pertussis infections surging every three to five years, but also by a key problem with the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTap) vaccine. The strength of that vaccine, first recommended for young children in 1997, wanes faster than originally thought.

**For further reading:**

- [Whooping cough an 'epidemic,' state says; vaccinations urged](#)
- [Whooping cough cases pass 500](#)
- [Pertussis Summary Reports](#)

## **California Children's Services**

DHCS Children's Medical Services  
Conducting its Title V 5-year Needs  
Assessment with aid from FHOP

In April 2014, FHOP began facilitating the Title V 5-year Needs Assessment process for California Children's Services (CCS), a program serving children with special health care needs that meet diagnostic and financial eligibility criteria. FHOP is working with state CCS staff and a statewide group of stakeholders who are providing input throughout the process and who will prioritize problems for CCS to address in the next 5 years. As part of the process, we will be conducting key informant interviews, surveys, and focus groups of parents, providers, and program administrators.

## **Welcome Lindsey Clopp to FHOP!**

Lindsey Clopp, MSPH comes to the Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP) after completing a 6-month graduate field placement at the California Department of Public Health STD Control Branch. Lindsey graduated in May 2014 with an MS in Public Health Education and Communication from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Lindsey's background is primarily in program

evaluation and reproductive health education program implementation for youth. Prior to attending graduate school, Lindsey worked as a research assistant for a hospital and healthcare consulting firm, translating research for healthcare leaders and hospital CEOs. Lindsey is currently working with FHOP on a needs assessment of the California Children's Services (CCS) program which provides services to children with special health care needs.

Originally from the East Bay, Lindsey moved to San Francisco from Washington, DC/Baltimore, and is now enjoying the splendor of the Lower Haight neighborhood. In her spare time, Lindsey loves to explore San Francisco, cook, and get down with some karaoke.

## **MCAH Marketplace**

The MCAH Market ([MCAH Marketplace](#)) is a place intended for MCAH Directors and related program staff to share examples of resources (interventions, assessment tools, etc.) and programs they have developed that other local MCAH programs could adapt and utilize.

***\*PLEASE share any Action Plan-related documents you found useful during the last Action Plan development process.\****

Learn how to access and share on the Marketplace, view a [Powerpoint presentation](#) describing how to access existing documents and share new documents.

## **FHOP Website**

The FHOP website (<http://fhop.ucsf.edu/fhop/>) is a "living" document and is regularly updated. We welcome your participation in suggesting data sources, articles, reports, etc. that are relevant to MCAH programs.

FHOP regularly updates the [Training and Needs Assessment](#) pages with audio recordings of trainings as well as relevant materials for your review and use. Please email comments and

suggestions to [fhop@fcm.ucsf.edu](mailto:fhop@fcm.ucsf.edu).

## FHOP Listserv

Click [here](#) to be taken to a the FHOP listserv sign-up page, where you can enter your contact information. Joining the FHOP Listserv will ensure you receive our quarterly newsletter and data and training alerts.

The listserv sign-up is also available on the [FHOP website](#).

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