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- [General Public Health Data Resources](#)
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Public Comment Time on Statewide Strategic Plan to Reduce Mental Health Disparities

The draft Strategic Plan released by the California Department of Public Health identifies strength based promising practices that will inform practitioners, program planners, and policy makers on improving services to better meet the needs of racial, ethnic and multicultural communities in a culturally responsive manner.

The purpose of the strategic plan is to provide community-driven direction to reduce disparities in racial, ethnic, and LGBTQ communities by:

- Identifying culturally and linguistically appropriate strategies to improve access, services, and outcomes for racial, ethnic, and LGBTQ populations, and
- Providing recommendations to the state for funding and evaluating culturally-rooted, community-defined promising practices over a four-year pilot program.

The strategic plan has been released for a 30-day public comment period that includes several community forums across the state. See details below for how you can participate in the discussion.

Strategic Plan

Additional Resources and Information

[California Reducing Disparities Project \(CRDP\) Draft Plan Emerges to Reduce Disparities in Mental Health Care](#) (California Healthline)
[Guidelines](#) (California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, CPEHN)

Town Hall Meetings

- Fresno - January 26, 2015 ([register](#))
- Oakland - January 28, 2015 ([register](#))
- San Diego - February 4, 2015 ([register](#))
- Los Angeles - February 5, 2015 ([register](#))
- Eureka - February 17, 2015 ([register](#))

Submit Review via [Email](#)

Limited Access to Denti-Cal Services for Children

A recent audit of Denti-Cal, the State's dental program that serves children with Medi-Cal, indicates that services have been provided to fewer than 50% of enrolled children. The root of the problem is thought to be too few providers participating in the program due to low reimbursement rates. Advocates have expressed concern about the problem worsening with Medi-Cal expansion. Below are links to two articles about the audit, the audit report itself which discusses the gaps and challenges in overcoming the gaps, resources to assist Denti-Cal providers, and information about the comprehensive Denti-Cal services for pregnant beneficiaries.

Report

[CA Dept of Health Care Services: Weaknesses in it's Medi-Cal Dental Program Limits Children's Access to Dental Care](#)

Articles

[Audit: Denti-Cal Failing To Serve Half of Children in Program](#) (California Healthline)

[State Program Leaves Poorest Kids Short of Dental Care](#) (SF Gate)

Recommendations

[Denti-Cal Offers Free Provider Assistance](#)

- [Enrollment Tool Kit](#)
- [Enrollment Workshops](#)
- [Enrollment Assistance Line](#)

[Comprehensive Services to Pregnant Beneficiaries](#)

Intervention Spotlight

Welcome to our newest addition to the FHOP Newsletter! In this section we will highlight evidence-based interventions that we have reviewed and think might be of use to you. Please provide

feedback and make suggestions so we continue to meet your needs.

[The National Preconception/Interconception Care Clinical Toolkit](#)

The tool kit is designed to help primary care providers meet their patient's needs based on the response to this "vital sign" question: "Are you hoping to become pregnant in the next year?" The goal of the toolkit is to help clinicians reach every woman who might someday become pregnant every time she presents for routine primary care with efficient, evidence-based strategies and resources to help her:

- achieve short and long term personal health outcomes
- increase the likelihood that any pregnancies in her future are by choice rather than chance
- decrease the likelihood of complications if she does become pregnant in the future

[Bringing Baby Home](#)

This program combines scientific research and public education to improve the quality of life for babies and children by strengthening their families. It teaches new parents how to gain relationship satisfaction and create healthy social, emotional and intellectual development for their children by learning new skills including:

- Preparing for the transition to parenthood
- Maintaining relationship satisfaction after having a baby
- Promoting positive parent-baby interactions
- Promoting quality involvement for both parents
- Reducing the incidence or severity of postpartum mood disorders

Events

[UPCOMING WEBINAR](#)

Strategies for Improving Maternal Mental Health Locally: Featuring Joy Burkhard from the California Maternal Mental Health Collaborative 2020 Moms Project and representatives of Tulare and Butte Counties discussing their local efforts.

Monday, January 26, 2015 @ 10-11:30am PST

Register [here](#)

ARCHIVED WEBINARS OF INTEREST FROM AMCHP
Promoting Health Weight in Maternal and Child Health Populations: The obesity epidemic in the U.S. is a long-recognized public health issue that has serious health and economic consequences, especially for children and families. This webinar, co-sponsored by AMCHP and NICHQ, highlighted how states and communities are working to promote healthy weight for children, women and families. Presentations provided examples state Title V program efforts to address healthy weight, and examples from the Collaborate for Healthy Weight initiative to address obesity at the community level. The webinar recording, [slides](#), [resources](#), and [issue brief](#) are available on [AMCHP's](#) website

The National Preconception/Interconception Clinical Toolkit: Explains the rationale behind the creation of the toolkit, how to efficiently and effectively navigate the toolkit, identify ways the toolkit can guide practice, and learn how to link with others interested in moving this work into practice. Here are the webinar [recording](#) and [slides](#).

MCAH Marketplace

The MCAH ([MCAH Marketplace](#)) Market (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.

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](#) 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. There are webinar recordings where the archived webinar can be viewed and hear the audio recording.

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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