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TACHC National Health Center Week Webcast July 25th!

July 25, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • [Details & Registration](#)

Still finalizing your plans for #NHCW18? Join the TACHC team on Wednesday, July 25th at 11 a.m. for a rundown on how to maximize the impact of your National Health Center Week events. This year's theme is "Celebrating Health Centers: Home of America's Health Care Heroes," and health centers have a lot to celebrate! We'll review ways to get involved even if you haven't begun planning, how to capitalize on the theme days and use social media to your advantage, as well as share strategies for how to make #NHCW18 the best yet! Questions? Email TACHC Civic Engagement Director [Courtney Weaver](#).

National Health Center Week Reminders:

National Health Center Week is August 12-18—just a month away! Now is the time to:

- **Post your Health Center Week celebrations and events on the NHCW website.** Posting events is critical to catching the eyes of sponsors who are looking for events around the country. Posting events also attracts visits from Members of Congress and media opportunities for maximum exposure.
- Enter the Picture & Video Contest, which kicks off on August 1. **RSVP for the NHCW Picture & Video Contest Webinar** on July 25th to find out what it takes to be a big winner.
- **Request a Proclamation** recognizing National Health Center Week 2018 from your Governor, State Legislature, Mayor, City Council, County or local governing body. Click [here](#) for the 2018 proclamation template.
- **Submit nominations for the National Health Center Week Health Center Hero Award** by July 27 at 10:59 PM CST.

CONGRATULATIONS!



AccessHealth Awarded Bronze ACE

TACHC member AccessHealth has been awarded the Bronze Advocacy Center of Excellence (ACE). ACE is a Health Center that has achieved certain measures of advocacy success and demonstrated ongoing commitment to advocacy by making it an organizational priority. In addition to creating a true culture of advocacy at the Health Center, including operationalizing advocacy practices and creating supporting infrastructure, ACEs are actively engaged and involved with NACHC and federal policy issues, as well as their state Primary Care Association and key state-level policy issues impacting Health Centers and their patients. [See full list here.](#)

Gateway Opens Residency Clinic for UIWSOM Residents

On July 1, 2018 Gateway Community Health Center entered into a partnership with the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine (UIWSOM) and Laredo Medical Center (LMC) to host Laredo's

first-ever Family Medicine Residency Program. The program will begin with eight recent medical school graduates this summer, and will reach its target capacity of twenty-four doctors by 2020. During their time in Laredo these physicians in training will provide continuity care for their patients in a special clinic that opened on July 9, 2018 at Gateway's Central location located at 1515 Pappas Street. Local physicians from many specialties have partnered with UIWSOM to ensure that the training and experience these doctors get are of the highest quality.



L-R: Elmo Lopez, Jr, CEO Gateway, Lauro A. Garcia, Chairman of the Board Gateway, Dr. Mery Cortes, CMO Gateway, Dr. Tom Mohr, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education UIWSOM, Enrique Gallegos, CEO Laredo Medical Center, Dr. David Garza, Program Director

National Council on Aging (NCOA) Funding Opportunity for Benefits Enrollment Centers

Benefits Enrollment Centers help provide wider access to benefits for low-income elderly, including benefits such as Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP and assistance with utilities among many other resources. NCOA is seeking qualified organizations through a request for proposal to establish Benefits Enrollment Centers and hopes to expand grant awards to more FQHCs. A notice of intent is strongly encouraged by Wednesday, July 25, 2018 by 12PM EST. However, if you miss the intent deadline, you can still apply by submitting a letter of intent to receive instructions to complete a grant application. Proposals are due by Wednesday, August 29, 2018 by 11 AM CDT. View the [BEC Request for Proposals \(RFP\) Here](#). View the [BEC Fact Sheet here](#) Questions? Contact [NCOA here](#).

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National Health Center Week Webcast July 25th! (See above)

July 25, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • [Details & Registration](#)

Impact on Workflows: New Post-partum Depression Screening during the 1st 12 month Texas Health Steps Office Visit Webcast

August 3, 12:00-1:00 p.m. • [Details & Registration](#)

Effective July 1st, 2018, postpartum depression screening became a benefit of Texas Medicaid as covered services to eligible clients. Texas Health Steps medical providers may receive separate reimbursement for postpartum depression screening, in addition to the infant's Texas Health Steps medical check-up or follow up visit. Since Texas Medicaid managed care organizations must provide all medically necessary benefits, FQHCs will participate in this new requirement. AAP and ACOG agree that screening mothers for postpartum depression is appropriate for the general postpartum population and is recommended within the first few months following birth. New workflows and use of appropriate screening tools and documentation must be

taken into account as we modify our workflows. [Join us for this complimentary webcast.](#) Questions? Contact [Roxana Cruz](#).

35th TACHC Annual Conference *Championing Healthy Futures* October 28- 31 • Hyatt Regency, Austin • SAVE THE DATE!



OUTREACH

Registration Now Open for the Texas State of Enrollment Conference

TACHC is partnering with the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) in delivering a joint statewide Outreach & Enrollment conference for Certified Application Counselors, Federal Navigators and other assisters. The conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 20 & 21, 2018 at the Drury Plaza Hotel – North Stone Oak in San Antonio, Texas. Due to fundraising efforts by CPPP, there is **no registration fee** to attend this year's OE conference and priority to attend will be given to OE staff and their supervisors. With the CMS announcement this week of further cuts to Federal Navigator funding, it is crucial that our health center OE staff are prepared for the upcoming open enrollment period. [Click here to see the draft agenda](#) • [Registration & Hotel Reservations Here](#) • [Hotel rate \\$109/night expires Saturday, September 1, 2018.](#)

GROUP PURCHASING

Learn More About Pharma Logistics' New Agreement

TACHC has recently signed an agreement with [Pharma Logistics](#) for pharmacy reverse distribution services. To learn more about this new trusted and reliable TACHC partner, there is one remaining webinar scheduled: August 2 at 10 am central. There is no cost to attend the webinar, but registration is required. To register, email [Lynn Ford](#) your name and health center name. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford](#).

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CLINICAL

CMS Releases New Medicare Numbers for All Patients

CMS has begun mailing new Medicare cards to all people with Medicare. Each Medicare patient will now have a new Medicare Number that replaces their old one known as a Health Insurance Claim Number or HICN. Practices should review their practice management systems, EHRs, billing processes, and related areas to see what, if any, changes you will need to make to use the new Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers. CMS has authorized a "transition period" (through December 2019) in which they will continue to accept claims containing a HICN, however your practice should begin transitioning now. For more information about the new Medicare cards, and how they might impact your practice [click here](#).

ASPR TRACIE Emergency Resources

As wildfires, heat waves, and flooding continue to affect multiple areas of the nation, and as hurricane season unfolds, we encourage you to visit Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) [TRACIE-Developed Resources](#) page Resources like [Natural Disasters Topic Collection](#) and [Select Hurricane-Related Resources](#) page can help.

Apply Now: HRSA's Advanced Nursing Education-Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

HRSA's Advanced Nursing Education-Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Program is accepting applications. The program goal is to train more providers to conduct sexual assault forensic examinations, which provide better physical and mental health care for survivors, better evidence collection, and higher prosecution rates. [Learn if your organization is eligible to apply](#). Application deadline is Thursday, July 26.

Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care Practice: Two Health Center Experiences

August 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT [Register here](#)

This webinar is hosted by the National Network for Oral Health Access, a HRSA-funded NCA. (1.0) Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credit is available.

Patient Safety Leadership Speaker Series: Caring for Diverse and Communication-Vulnerable Patients

July 31, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CDT [Register here](#)

This webinar is hosted by ECRI Institute on HRSA's behalf.

Green Tobacco Sickness: Free Resources Help Reduce Risk

The [National Advisory Council on Migrant Health](#) urges health centers that serve migrant and seasonal agricultural workers in tobacco growing regions to become more knowledgeable about Green Tobacco Sickness (GTS). Nicotine poisoning can occur in people who handle tobacco plants. Many young people work on tobacco farms, and children and adolescents seem to be particularly susceptible to the illness, which causes nausea, vomiting, dizziness, headaches and muscle weakness. GTS occurs most often when workers handle plants that are moist from dew or rain. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health offers [resources to help farmers, workers and health care professionals learn more](#) about best practices to reduce the risk of GTS.



Now Available: 2018 Recovery Month Toolkit and Public Service Announcements

Each September, SAMHSA sponsors National Recovery Month to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders, and to celebrate individuals living in recovery. Use the [2018 Recovery Month Toolkit and PSAs](#) to organize events, issue proclamations, and increase public awareness.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Congratulations to Tyler Family Circle of Care and Heart of Texas Community Health Center (Waco) on Successful Placements

With the assistance of the TACHC R&R staff, Tyler Family Circle of Care was able to fill two OB/GYN positions and Heart of Texas Community Health Center filled their Dental position. **Dr. Asana Mohamed** (Dentist) will be starting her journey in Waco on August 13, while **Dr. Rabiah Zafar** and **Dr. Rachel Everson** (OB/GYN) will be starting in Tyler on Aug. 20. We wish these physicians the best as they continue to make a difference in their respective communities. If you would like support in recruiting efforts please contact the [TACHC R&R](#)

department!

TACHC to Market Health Center Job Postings at AAFP National Conference – August 2 – 4

TACHC will be marketing current community health center job postings at the [American Academy of Family Physicians \(AAFP\) National Conference](#) in Kansas City, MO from Aug. 2 through Aug. 4. If you would like a job opportunity marketed at the conference, submit it through tachc.org/position by July 25 at noon. If you have any questions please feel free to email [Jonathan Davis](#) (Recruiting and Retention Program Assistant).

Would You Like Us to Help You Recruit?

Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help recruit? [Complete the TACHC online position profile](#). **Contact Jonathan Davis** for more information.

Did you know that the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up is available to ALL TACHC members and ALL your staff? [Share this link with your health center staff to sign up for the Wrap!](#)

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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