



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SAVE THE DATE!

TACHC's 31st Annual Conference - Westin Galleria Dallas - October 5-8, 2014.

[Click Here to make Hotel Reservations.](#)

### **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Holds Regional Title V Maternal and Infant Health Stakeholder Meetings**

Through July and August, DSHS will host regional stakeholder meetings to solicit

input for a Five-Year Needs Assessment for the Maternal and Child Health Services (Title V) Block Grant. Even if you are not a Title V recipient, this may be a good opportunity to provide input on the delivery of maternal and child health services in the state. Upcoming stakeholder meetings will be in Houston, Lubbock, Waco and El Paso. For more info and to register, **CLICK HERE.**

## **GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE**

### **AmeriCares Offers Help to Centers Hit by Influx of Children Crossing Border**

AmeriCares is offering assistance to health centers that might be impacted by the influx of children at the Texas/Mexico border. AmeriCares' Kate Dischinio encourages TACHC members to reach out directly to her with any needs or questions. For further information and Ms. Dischinio's contact information **CLICK HERE.**

## **CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

### **FREE: Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP) Train the Trainer Program**

Attend this free session to train staff on providing diabetes education to members of their community. The training will be August 19-21, 2014 (9:00 am - 5:00 pm each day) at Westside Family Health Center Conference Room, 4617 Greenwood Drive, Corpus Christi, 78416. The **Diabetes Empowerment Education Program** is a licensed diabetes self-management education (DSME) curriculum developed by the University of Illinois, Chicago. DEEP was developed to provide communities with tools to better manage diabetes and is based on principles of empowerment and adult education. **Send your name, organization, address, email and telephone number to pre-register** and have a registration form **emailed to you.** If you have questions, call Luby at 512-776-2831 or Toll Free: 1-888-963-7111 ext. 2831.

### **Register Your Patients to the Texas Medicaid Wellness Program**

The Texas Medicaid Wellness Program is a care management program that partners with local physicians to help high cost, high risk fee-for-service Medicaid patients that receive SSI benefits to better manage their health. Launched March 1, 2011, the program is conducted by McKesson Care Management under contract with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The goal of the program is to help physicians coordinate care for their highest risk, most chronically ill patients that qualify. The Wellness Program promotes patient self-management skills and targets those patients with chronic conditions who would benefit from additional support. Physicians or their staff can make real-time referrals of eligible patients into the program. Physicians who would like to validate the eligibility of patients or refer patients into the program may call (877) 530-7756, or send a fax to (800) 542-8074. **Click Here for More Information** about the Texas Medicaid Wellness Program or contact **Jana Britton, RN, BSN,**

**MBA, Provider Relations Manager.**

## **2014 Texas Immunization Summit Early-bird Registration Ends Sept 1st**

The Texas Immunization Partnership (TIP) Summit will be held on November 5-7, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. Speakers will provide information and tools on the changes to the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program and on the Texas immunization registry, ImmTrac. Other sessions will be available on the latest research regarding vaccine-preventable diseases like pertussis, measles and HPV, using social media to advocate for immunizations, communication strategies for improving HPV uptake, results from TIP's statewide immunization stakeholder survey and more! Continuing education credits will be provided for those who qualify. Early-bird registration ends September 1st. **For More Information Click Here** or contact **Robyn Correll Carlyle**.

## **POLICY**

### **NHCW is Next Week**

Do you have an elected official attending any of your National Health Center Week events? NACHC created these **handy talking points for congressional visits**. Please let TACHC Communications Director **Andrea Abel** know if you have elected officials at your events.

## **GROUP PURCHASING**

### **Henry Schein's Equipment and Educational Expo**

Henry Schein's Equipment and Educational Expo will be Friday, September 12th, 2014, in Houston. There will be fantastic educational series for those interested in CEU credit and knowledge on ICD-10 and or Healthcare Reform. All of the Henry Schein vendors will be on hand for members to meet and see available equipment. View demos and show specials for those that attend on price breaks and specials. For conference flyer **CLICK HERE**. For conference booklet and registration form **CLICK HERE**.

## **OUTREACH**

### **New TACHC NHCW Toolkit**

Just in time for National Health Center Week, August 10-16, check out **TACHC's new NHCW Toolkit**. Planning NHCW events for your center? Please share your information with **TACHC Communications Director Andrea Abel**.

## **R&R**

### **TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities**

With great enthusiasm, we continue in our mission to support member organizations in fulfilling their clinical and administrative staff workforce needs. As such, TACHC recruitment staff will be speaking with attendees at the

PracticeMatch job fair in Houston, August 13, 2014 & at HealthMatch in El Paso, August 15, 2014. If your center has a new opportunity that you would like us to help you recruit for at this event, click **HERE** and complete the easy online position profile by COB 8/12/2014. Have questions or need assistance? Contact **Danielle Ramos, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant at TACHC.**

## **NEWS**

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