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#### 35th TACHC Annual Conference Agenda and Online Registration Now Available

The **35th TACHC Annual Conference** is an opportunity to participate in learning sessions, networking and activities geared toward improving the quality of our work, the impact of our outcomes and our ability to better meet the needs of the patients and communities we serve. *Join us in celebrating our history, and Championing Healthy Futures.* [View Agenda Here](#) • [Register Here](#)



# 35<sup>th</sup> TACHC Annual Conference Championing Healthy Futures



October 28-31, 2018 • Hyatt Regency Austin Hotel

**35th TACHC Annual Conference *Championing Healthy Futures***  
**October 28- 31 • Hyatt Regency, Austin • [REGISTER NOW!](#)**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **National LGBT Health Education Center Advancing Excellence in Transgender Health Conference**

The National LGBT Health Education Center, a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee, is holding their annual Transgender Health conference **September 21-23**, 2018 in Boston, Massachusetts. A myriad of topics will be discussed through didactic presentations led by experienced clinicians specialized in transgender health. Please click [here](#) to see course information or [here](#) to view as a PDF document. Accreditation is available. [Contact this email for questions.](#) [Register here.](#)

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## OUTREACH

### **CMS CDO Applications- Hard Deadline Friday, September 14**

There is still time for you to submit your Certified Application Counselor Designated Organization (CDO) application if your health center missed the soft deadline on Friday, June 22. CMS opened the application to all interested parties and the hard deadline to submit a CDO application is Friday, September 14, 2018. Please contact [Sonia Lara](#) if you need any assistance with this process. Health centers that received HRSA OE grant funds are required to obtain CDO designation. Also, OE staff cannot take their 2019 CAC training until the new CDO ID number is received. With the drastic cuts this year to Federal Navigator funding, it is critical that all health centers required for this designation complete this process so that assistance is available during the next open enrollment – our communities depend on it. To view the CMS invitation letter and the link to apply, [click here](#). If you submitted a CDO application and would like to know the status, please [email here](#). This is the only way to communicate with CMS regarding the CDO process, including submitting requested information or revisions unless otherwise instructed by [CMS](#).

### **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 was due by Wednesday, July 25. However, if you missed 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](#)

## 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.](#)

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## POLICY

### Your Input is Needed for NACHC's Policy Agenda

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) is developing a comprehensive policy agenda to support the wide-ranging needs of health centers and their patients at both the state and national levels. Our goal is to create an inclusive policy vision that lays out a variety of opportunities for policymakers to support the future of the health center program, but this initiative will only be successful with your input. We want it to reflect the policy areas that you think are most important for NACHC to focus on in the future. Please help us by completing this short [policy poll](#) (less than 5 minutes). Your input will allow NACHC to better serve you and gather feedback on the key policy priorities of health center advocates from around the nation.

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## CLINICAL

### PCMH Support for Community Health Centers

TACHC is offering free PCMH support for community health centers. If you are interested in training/technical assistance opportunities that include NCQA PCMH 2017 on-site training for your staff, documentation review and/or coaching, please contact [Ana Sierra](#).

### SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit Available in Spanish

SAMHSA released its [Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit](#) a few months ago. Now it is also [available in Spanish](#). The toolkit offers information and facts from literature and links to resources to prevent opioid-related overdoses and deaths. Because interdisciplinary collaboration is critical to success, SAMHSA offers the toolkit as an educational resource for first responders, prescribers, patients, and families.

### UDS Mapper Advanced Topics: What's New with the UDS Mapper?

September 5 • 1:00-2:00 p.m. CDT • [Register here](#)

September 14 • 1:00-2:00 p.m. CDT • [Register here](#)

September 24 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. CDT • [Register here](#)

In August 2018, new functionality and data were added to the UDS Mapper. This session will focus on those changes. This webinar will repeat in September. This webinar is geared toward users who are familiar with the UDS Mapper and would like to learn more about its uses. The webinar is open to the public and free of charge.

### Patient-Centered Contraceptive Counseling for Rural Populations

August 29 • 1:00 p.m. • CDT • [Register Here](#)

This webinar is hosted by the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals

### Human Trafficking, Intersections of Violence, and Trauma-Informed Care: Audiofile

Dr. Kimberly Chang, Family Physician with Asian Health Services and Hamida Yusuzaï, Program Manager at Banteay Srei, a program of Asian Health Services talks about their work in providing care for those who have been or are at risk of sexual and commercial exploitation. [Listen to the podcast here.](#)

### Project ECHO Depression and Alcohol Use Disorder

September 26 - November 14 • 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CDT

Join the next cohort every Wednesday, Participate in an eight-week innovative project and gain continuing medical education credits to better serve your patients with behavioral health conditions. Space is limited. To learn more about requirements, [read the Project ECHO fact sheet](#) • [Complete the Participation Agreement](#).

### **Certified Tobacco Treatment Training Program**

October 1-5 • The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Houston, Texas

Participants in this nationally accredited course by the Council of Tobacco Treatment Training Programs will be certified to treat tobacco dependence if they complete the full course and pass a certification exam. [View Flyer here](#). • [Click here for registration and more information](#).. • Email [Questions here](#).

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### **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

#### **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](#).

Send **NEWS** about your health center to be considered for inclusion in the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up to TACHC Wrap Editor [Brom Hoban](#).

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