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NEWS



HHS Awards Nearly \$60 million to Support Community Health Centers Impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

Last week, HHS announced nearly \$60 million in funding to community health centers in six states and two territories that were impacted by last year's hurricanes. The funding was provided for a disaster relief package that was made available by the [Bipartisan Budget Act](#) and signed into law last February. The money was awarded to 161 community health centers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. [Read the full story here.](#) [Click here to view the full list of Texas health centers that received funding.](#)

September is Preparedness Month

Every September, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) along with 3,000 global, national, regional, and local governments, as well as private and public health institutions, supports emergency preparedness efforts and encourages Americans to take action before, during, and after an emergency. Every community in the United States should be ready to respond to an infectious disease outbreak, chemical or radiological release, or natural disaster. This year CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response is highlighting Prepare Your Health. Each week focuses on the roles individuals, state and local public health, and CDC play in creating resilient health communities. For more information and resources, please visit this [link](#). Questions? Contact [Christina Brito-Tigerina](#).



Health Center Program Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Resources

During an emergency, health centers play an important role in delivering critical services and assisting with the local community response. As we are in the high point of hurricane season, and especially in anticipation of Hurricane Florence's landfall, we encourage health centers to visit HRSA's recently refreshed [Health Center Program disaster relief page](#). It brings together guidance about Change in Scope (CIS) for Temporary Sites, FTCA coverage, and 340B enrollment during an emergency. Health Center Program staff track impact data on delivery sites affected by storms. For those in the affected areas, we will continue to be in touch with you to gather information about your operational status and answer any questions related to your grant or scope of project.

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National Health Center Week 7 Question Survey!

Did your health center participate in NHCW 2018? Please [complete this short 3-minute survey](#) and tell us a bit more about your events. If you would like, send any photos of your events to [Courtney Weaver](#), TACHC Civic Engagement Director, to be included in our statewide summary!

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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.](#)

35th TACHC Annual Conference Schedule-at-a-Glance Now Available

Start planning your 35th TACHC Annual Conference by viewing the [Schedule-at-a-Glance here](#). 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.* [Registration and full agenda here.](#)



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

OUTREACH



Register Now 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 recent CMS announcement 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.](#)

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GROUP PURCHASING

TACHC/GSK Enhanced Vaccine Program

TACHC and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) have a new enhanced vaccine program available for the 340*Better* members. Of the 15 GSK vaccines available (pedi, adolescent and adult), the program is lower on 13 of the vaccines compared to the standard TACHC contract. The enhanced program does have market share requirements.

1. 80% of DTaP vaccine market to GSK vaccines (pedi)
2. 70% of meningococcal vaccine market to GSK vaccines (adolescent)
3. 80% of Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccines market to GSK vaccines (adult)

For more information and details, please contact [Lynn Ford](#)

CLINICAL

Emergency Preparedness Training

In response to training requests regarding Emergency Preparedness, TACHC, with support from Direct Relief, will be conducting a full day emergency preparedness pre-conference training prior to TACHC's Annual Conference. Please visit the [event link](#) for more information and registration details. This complimentary training is limited to 50 people. Please limit 1-2 registrants per health center. Intended audience: Emergency Preparedness Staff, Operations Staff, Clinical Staff and Executive Staff. Annual conference attendance encouraged, but not required.

Closing the Gap between Urban and Rural HPV Vaccination Rates (Webinar)

September 18, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)

In addition to a yearly flu vaccine, CDC recommends three vaccines for adolescents to protect against serious

diseases: meningococcal conjugate vaccine, HPV vaccine, and Tdap vaccine. Nationally, HPV vaccination rates have been increasing in recent years, and rates of Tdap and meningococcal conjugate vaccine have been high for several years. However, recent data have shown that fewer adolescents in rural areas are getting the HPV and meningococcal conjugate vaccines compared to adolescents in urban areas. This webinar will highlight the recent Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, [National, Regional, State, and Selected Local Area Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 13–17 Years – United States, 2017](#), which includes the latest data on adolescent vaccination coverage nationally and among rural areas.

Optimizing Value and Patient Outcomes Through Comprehensive Medication Management

September 18, 12:00-1:00 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)

[Register today](#) for the TMF Quality Innovation Network webinar on Sept. 18, 2018, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CT. Participants will hear from Christine Moutier, MD, Chief Medical Officer, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and Leah Patterson, survivor, who will offer practical tips for physicians to address suicide risk for their patients, their peers and themselves.

Sickle Cell Advocacy Summit

September 20, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. • [Register](#)

The Houston Sickle Cell Collaborative, in partnership with the Houston Health Department, invites you to attend our **Sickle Cell Advocacy Summit** on **September 20 at DePelchin Children's Center - 4950 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77007**.

Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators? Webinar: Access to Health Services

September 20, 11:00 a.m. • [Register](#)

Learn about progress made toward achieving the [Healthy People 2020 Access to Health Services Leading Indicators](#). You'll also learn about a nonprofit community benefit organization working to increase access to primary care providers (PCPs) for vulnerable populations.

Opioid Prescription Drug Abuse Seminar

September 29, 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. • [Register](#)

The Houston Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is pleased to present a 6 hour seminar entitled "Opioid Prescription Drug Abuse" on September 29, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Renaissance Austin Hotel, Ballroom B, 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin, Texas 78759.

National Academy of Medicine Meeting

Registration is now open for the scientific symposium of the NAM Annual Meeting on October 15, 2018: Cancers -- Can We Beat the Odds? This public forum will feature a keynote address by **Laurie Glimcher**, President and CEO of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, as well as a **President's Forum on Affordable Medicines: Access, Innovation, and the Public Interest**. [Register here](#). This event will also be webcast. [Register 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!](#)

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