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National Voter Registration Day Tuesday, September 25 Make sure you are registered so your voice can be heard! The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Last day to register to vote is Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Early voting takes place from Monday, October 22, 2018 – Friday, November 2, 2018. Find out everything you need to know about [registering to vote in Texas here](#).



HRSA Awards Nearly \$400 Million to Combat the Opioid Crisis

On September 19, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#) awarded over \$396 million to combat the opioid crisis. The investments will enable HRSA-funded community health centers, academic institutions, and rural organizations to expand access to integrated substance use disorder and mental health services. [Read the full story here](#).

CDC's EPIC Alert – Preparing for Hurricanes

Take steps now to protect yourself and your loved ones from hurricanes. Please visit this [CDC EPIC link](#) for resources on preparing for Tropical Storms and Hurricanes. EPIC ALERT provides urgent messages about disaster safety. [Sign up](#) for the EPIC Newsletters and Announcements for additional resources.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

It's About Who You Know: Building Relationships with the Press & How to Get Their Attention



Register Now for TACHC's Free Media Relations Webcast

October 11, 9:00-10:00 a.m. [Register](#)

It's About Who You Know: Building Relationships with the Press & How to Get Their Attention

Successfully communicating with the media will be especially important as we head into Texas's 86th legislative session. Getting stories placed is often about who you know, and health centers need to understand how to build relationships with news editors and reporters as part of any well rounded communications program. For more for information contact [Brom Hoban](#).

Customer Service Training Parts I-II

October 27-28, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at People's Community Clinic North, 1101 Camino La Costa, Austin, Texas 78752 • [Register](#)

[This program](#) is designed to help the health center staff deliver service excellence to every patient, every day, during every encounter. This dynamic workshop will encourage participants to think differently about patient service. Tools and tips will be introduced and participants will be encouraged to create a personal plan and recommendations that would lead their organization down the Road to Service Excellence.



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

35th TACHC Annual Conference: Don't Forget to Register!

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.](#)

American Lung Association Asthma Educator Institute November 1 & 2 in New

Braunfels

The American Lung Association is coordinating an [Asthma Educator Institute](#) on Thursday and Friday, November 1 & 2, 2018, at the Courtyard by Marriott, River Village, New Braunfels. The Asthma Educator Institute is a two-day comprehensive review of national asthma guidelines based care. The workshop is offered as part of a quality improvement project, "Enhancing Care for Children with Asthma." [Details and Registration 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](#)

POLICY

Congressional Leaders Craft Spending Agreement that includes Health Center Funding

Last week, Congressional leaders came to an agreement on an [FY19 Labor-Defense-Health Care spending package](#) that will keep the government open through December 7, and provide \$1.63 billion in Appropriations funding for Community Health Centers if signed into law. This represents level funding for the Health Center Program from last year's Appropriations bill, which is exactly what NACHC and health center advocates were asking for this year. The Senate is expected to pass the bill later this week, leaving it up to the House to pass the bill when they return from recess next week in order to get it to the President before the September 30 deadline.

CLINICAL

Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week

The President proclaimed this as Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week, acknowledging the devastating toll the opioid epidemic has inflicted on the nation and its people, and pledging to raise awareness of the dangers of prescription and illicit opioid abuse. [Visit the HHS Opioids website](#) to learn about the Department's five-point strategy to combat this crisis.

Engaging Patients in Motivational Interviewing: A Webinar for Health Care Professionals September 25, 12:00-1:00 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)

During this webinar, April Viverette, LCSW, MBA, CCM, who is a quality improvement consultant with the TMF Quality Innovation Network, will offer healthcare professionals insight on Motivational Interviewing and distribute tools to facilitate successful patient and family engagement.

HITEQ Highlights: Tools and Tips to Prepare for Patient Centered Medical Home 2017 September 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)

This webinar will provide a broad overview of NCQA's Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition for 2017, including overall structure, timing, and evidence options that are new to 2017.

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.

Committee on Systems Approaches to Improve Patient Care by Supporting Clinician Well-Being

October 1, 1:00-5:00 p.m. EDT at National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine in Washington, DC • [Details & Registration](#)

An ad hoc committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will examine the scientific evidence regarding the causes of clinician burnout as well as the consequences for both clinicians and patients, and interventions to support clinician well-being and resilience.

Certified Tobacco Treatment Training Program

October 1-5 • [Details & Registration](#)

This event takes place at the Dan L. Duncan Building (CPB) (Monday-Friday) at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1155 Pressler Street Houston Texas 77030.

Infection and Prevention Control for Dental Programs

October 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)

This webinar, hosted by the National Network for Oral Health Access, a HRSA-funded NCA, will review infection control and prevention protocols for dental programs in community health centers and recommendations to be compliant with accreditation standards. One (1) Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credit will be offered. (1.0) Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credit is available.

CDC Diabetes Prevention Program: Demonstration Projects Webinar Series: Integrated Delivery System

- **October 23, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)**
In this webinar, hosted by American College of Preventive Medicine, grantees will share their experiences developing and implementing protocols for screening, testing, and referring patients with pre-diabetes to a CDC-recognized diabetes prevention program.
- **November 8, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)**
In this webinar, hosted by American College of Preventive Medicine, grantees will share their experiences developing and implementing protocols for screening, testing, and referring patients with pre-diabetes to a CDC-recognized diabetes prevention program

Suicide Prevention Tips for Physicians, Clinical Staff and Their Patients

To access the TMF Behavioral Health Network to access the TMF Behavioral Health Network Webinar Recordings [PowerPoint presentation, click here](#), and you can [use this link](#) to access the TMF Behavioral Health Network Webinar Recordings.

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.

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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

AAFP-FMX Family Medicine Conference & NACHC's annual ATSU Recruitment Fair at A.T. Still

TACHC will be marketing current community health center job postings at the AAFP-FMX Family Medicine Conference and NACHC's annual ATSU Recruitment Fair at A.T. Still in early October. If you would like a job opportunity posted, submit it through tachc.org/position by Friday, September 28th at noon. If you have any questions please feel free to email [Jonathan Davis](mailto:Jonathan.Davis@tachc.org) (Recruiting and Retention Program Assistant). Don't miss this opportunity to market your opportunities to new and experienced medical providers!

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](mailto:Jonathan.Davis@tachc.org) 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](#).

Sign up to receive the **TACHC Weekly Wrap Up!**

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