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NEWS

Rep. Cuellar Announces \$395,000 for Gateway Community Health Center, Inc.

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28) recently announced \$395,000 in federal funding for Gateway Community Health Center, Inc. This funding comes through the Health and Human Services' (HHS) Health Center Cluster (HCC) Program and represents a potential two-year source of funding for Gateway to increase access to substance use disorder and mental health services through Expanding Access to Quality Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services (SUD-MH) in Webb County. [Read the full story here.](#) Congressman Cuellar (TX-28) presents HHS Grant to Gateway Community Health Center, Inc. in Laredo on Thursday. Pictured are Congressman Henry Cuellar, Gateway Community Health Center, Inc. CEO Elmo Lopez, Board Chairman Lauro Garcia, Board Members and employees.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

UNIFORM DATA SYSTEM
HRSA Health Resources and Services Administration
Texas Association of Community Health Centers
Training for Health Centers • Calendar Year 2018
December 5, 2018 • Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa • Lost Pines, TX

UDS Training

December 5 • Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa, 575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road, Lost Pines, TX

[Agenda](#) • [Details & Registration](#)

The Uniform Data System (UDS) Annual Training is a full-day program covering the preparation of the 2018 UDS Report. The training addresses each of the report's tables, focusing on changes that may have been made, definitions necessary to complete the UDS Report, and common problems/errors. This training is targeted toward those who are responsible for gathering and reporting the data elements included in the UDS Report, as well as management, finance, and clinical staff who need to understand the definitions and concepts used, and those who use the data in their program management and quality improvement activities.

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OUTREACH

Sign up for health insurance at healthcare.gov



November 1, 2018

First day to enroll for
coverage that starts
January 1, 2019



December 15, 2018

Last day to enroll for
coverage that starts
January 1, 2019

Federal Marketplace Open Enrollment is Happening Now

Open Enrollment is underway now through December 15, 2018. With drastic cuts to Federal Navigator funding, it is imperative that all health centers do their part in assisting their patients and communities enroll in coverage. Please see the attached graph and feel free to use if you'd like to promote the [My Texas My Health website](http://www.mytxmyhealth.com), which allows the public to search for free outreach and enrollment services through our community health centers. To enroll online, visit <http://www.healthcare.gov> for English or <https://cuidadodesalud.gov> for Spanish. **Use the Open Enrollment Flyer to spread the word!**

POLICY

Public Charge Resources

The Public Charge proposal currently published in the Federal Register puts forth rules that would impact certain kinds of immigrants wanting to enter the United States or who are currently present wanting to gain Legal Permanent Residence (also called "Green Card") who have accessed certain kinds of public benefits. As the draft now stands, the rule would NOT impact patients accessing FQHC sliding fee scale services. However, it would impose barriers to health care services for immigrant families, including those who live and work in the U.S. legally.

MAKE YOUR COMMENTS!

In order to voice your concerns, TACHC urges you to please **FILL OUT THIS QUICK FORM** commenting on how the proposed Public Charge rule would affect your center and your patients. *The Comments are due by December 10, 2018*, and TACHC will submit them to the federal comment portal. If you are submitting organizational comments, please email them directly to [Courtney Weaver](mailto:Courtney.Weaver@tachc.org). For **talking points, comment instructions**, and **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, PLEASE VISIT HERE!**

Long-acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) Resources

Increasing access to long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) is a priority for TACHC. Below are several LARC training and educational opportunities provided by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) available to any interested person, not just ACOG members:

- This [website](http://www.acog.org) offers free, downloadable resources on immediate postpartum LARC, including ACOG clinical guidance, training and contraceptive counseling materials, insertion videos, up-to-date research, patient education materials, billing and coding resources, and more. You can request a training for your institution or ask questions about the Postpartum Contraceptive Access Initiative (PCAI) by **submitting an inquiry**, or by emailing pcai@acog.org.

- The ACOG LARC Program has released a [LARC video series](#), created in collaboration with the [Innovating Education in Reproductive Health](#) project at the Bixby Center at the University of California, San Francisco.
- ACOG recently updated its guidance on adolescents and LARC with [Committee Opinion #735: Adolescents and Long-Acting Reversible Contraception - Implants and Intrauterine Devices](#). This document provides updated information on LARC methods and the safety and effectiveness profiles of LARC use in adolescents.
- "[Immediate Postpartum LARC Implementation: Systems and Sustainability](#)," a webinar detailing the stages of implementation for immediate postpartum LARC programs is now available on the [ACOG LARC Program website](#). The webinar addresses clinician training, patient-provider communication, supply chain aspects, and billing and coding approaches of successful immediate postpartum LARC programs. No ACOG login is required.
- Get your questions answered by submitting a ticket on the [Help Desk home page](#). You'll receive status updates and a response to your question at the email address you provide. If you create a [LARC Program Help Desk](#) account, in addition to viewing your current ticket, you can review answers to past tickets at any time. The Help Desk is free and open to the public.

CLINICAL

Archived Webinar: Rural Insights on Adult and Youth Obesity

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) combines interviews and physical examinations to assess the health and nutritional status of adults and youth across the United States. In this webinar, hear about how NHANES provides nationally representative estimates of obesity in adults and youth as well as the latest trends in obesity and severe obesity in rural compared to urban areas from 2001 to 2016. [Click here to watch the webinar](#)

National Association of Social Workers Virtual Forum

November 14-15, 2018 • Washington, DC

1 week left to [register!](#) Join your social worker colleagues from around the world for two days of unparalleled professional development and continuing education opportunities by participating online from anywhere in the world for the 2018 NASW Virtual Forum, **Opioid Crisis: No Community is Immune**. For general questions about content, CE credits or other information about the Virtual Forum, please contact NASW at naswvirtualforum@socialworkers.org.

Addiction and Pain Management & Prevention Summit

February 15 - 17, 2019 • AT&T Hotel and Conference Center • Austin, Texas 78705 • [Register](#)

To combat the *growing addiction epidemic that has resulted from opioid prescriptions for pain management*, building partnerships and collaborations is critical. The Texas Society of Addiction Medicine, Texas Health Institute and Superior HealthPlan have joined forces to host a summit that addresses the state of the science in pain management and actions that can be taken to respond to the crisis.

Do You Want to Learn More about How You Can Improve Healthcare at Your Center?

Join the Healthcare Community

The [Healthcare Communities Website](#) is a forum that strives to help improve the health care for millions by supporting individuals who implement healthcare quality improvement and transformation. This web-based tool allows individuals in different healthcare-related organizations to join "communities" with shared interests and goals to work together, regardless of location. Nearly 70 communities nationwide participate in HealthcareCommunities.org, all of them working to improve some aspect of healthcare. Various sources fund these communities: government agencies, professional associations, organizations involved in healthcare improvement and commercial entities. [Click here for more information.](#)

Learn More about Technology Decision Making, Evidence Based Medicine, Patient Safety and Quality

For nearly 50 years, ECRI Institute, a nonprofit organization, has been dedicated to bringing the discipline of applied scientific research to discover which medical procedures, devices, drugs, and processes are best, all to

enable you to improve patient care in the area of technology decision making, evidence based medicine and patient safety and quality. [Click here to find resources.](#)

HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau Launches Remote Pregnancy Monitoring Challenge

HRSA launched a [Remote Pregnancy Monitoring Challenge](#), with [submissions](#) for Phase 1 accepted through Tuesday, November 27. Many women who are low-income in both rural and urban communities face personal barriers (e.g., work, childcare, transportation, education, culture, and language), health system barriers (e.g., hours of operation and lack of services), and environmental barriers (e.g., location and connectivity or cell phone coverage) in accessing prenatal care. This challenge will award up to \$375,000 over three phases for innovative solutions that increase remote and virtual access to quality care for low-income pregnant women. Such innovations may include alleviating barriers to quality.

Advancing Oral and Primary Health Care Integration to Support Diabetes Prevention and Management Webinar

November 29, 12:00-1:00 p.m. CST • [Register](#)

HRSA will host a webinar that focuses on the relationship and importance between oral health care and diabetes prevention and management in health center settings. Presenters will highlight HRSA and CDC initiatives, health center models, partnerships, and resources that support integrated oral health and diabetes care.

Free MAT Training and Mentoring to Become a DATA-waived Practitioner Webinar Recording Available

In a recent HRSA webinar, experts from SAMHSA's [Providers Clinical Support System \(PCSS\) – Medication Assisted Treatment \(MAT\) Program](#) gave an overview of no-cost training and mentoring programs available to health center prescribers (physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants) and their primary care teams. These programs support evidence-based treatment of opioid use disorder. [Watch the webinar recording.](#)

Leveraging National Diabetes Prevention Programming for Your Health Centers

November 29 • 1:00-2:30 p.m. CST • [Register](#)

Hosted by National Nurse-Led Care Consortium, a HRSA-funded NCA

Oral Health and Diabetes for Patients Experiencing Homelessness

November 27, 12:00-1:00 p.m. CST • [Register](#)

Hosted by the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, both HRSA-funded NCAs

1.0 Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credit is available

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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

JPS Career Fair and UTHSCSA Psych Residency Visit

TACHC will be marketing current community health center job postings at the JPS Career Fair in Ft. Worth and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) Psychiatric residency visit in San Antonio Tuesday, November 13. If you have any open positions in your health centers and would like them marketed to our future healthcare providers please visit tachc.org/position to fill out a position profile. If you have any questions feel free to reach [Jonathan Davis](#) or 512-329-5959.

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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