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**NEWS**

**Project Vida Teams Up With Socorro Independent School District to Provide Behavioral Health Services at Schools**

Project Vida Health Center teamed up with Socorro Independent School District recently to launch a Community Mental Health Grant Program in three high schools and their feeder campuses. The program was implemented through the Community Mental Health Grant, an \$800,000 award donated to the health center from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. [Read the full story here.](#)

### Dr. Jackson Griggs Named New CEO for Family Health Center

Waco's Family Health Center (FHC) has been searching for a new CEO since Dr. Roland Goertz announced his plans for retirement after 22 years of service. A committee of both Board and Community members conducted the nationwide search, and more than 270 candidates were reviewed by the national search firm assisting the committee. Following in-person interviews of finalists, the committee unanimously recommended one candidate, and the FHC's Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointment of FHC's own **Jackson Griggs, MD**, (pictured at right) effective February 25, 2019. "I am extremely pleased that one of our own competed successfully in a nationwide search and was selected." said Goertz. "Dr. Griggs will lead the Family Health Center wonderfully as its next CEO." [Read the full story here.](#)



### Save the Date for the TACHC 2019 Policy and Issues Forum!

The [TACHC Policy and Issues Forum](#) will provide health center CEOs, Board Members and other staff the opportunity to learn about TACHC's legislative agenda for the upcoming state legislative session, receive in-depth information on health policy issues in Texas that impact health centers, and learn how to successfully conduct a legislative visit. Attendees will visit legislators during the conference to engage policymakers on the health center legislative agenda. The conference will also provide the opportunity for attendees to learn about creating a trauma-informed culture within health centers. **January 4, 2019 is the Omni Hotel Reservation Deadline.**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS



### 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.



**REGISTER NOW for Lights, Camera, Action! *Interview Best Practices and How to Stay on Message* Webcast • December 14**

**December 14, 9:00-10:00 a.m. • [Register](#)**

During the upcoming 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session, community health center advocates will be involved in a number of issues as policies take shape. Health center leaders and staff will often find themselves in the spotlight as reporters and journalists from all types of media channels reach out for interviews and information. Join TACHC's Mimi Garcia, Director of Policy and External Communications, along with Oliver Bernstein, Communications Director (Center for Public Policy Priorities) for the [Lights, Camera, Action! Interview Best Practices and How to Stay on Message](#) webcast!

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## **OUTREACH**

### **ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT! Federal Marketplace Open Enrollment Continues Through December 15**

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 it if you'd like to promote the [My Texas My Health website](#), 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!](#)

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## **POLICY**

### **Public Charge Resources: Just More than a Week Left to Submit Comments!**

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 to the federal comment portal. If you are submitting organizational comments, please email them directly to [Courtney Weaver](#). For [talking points](#), [comment instructions](#), and [additional resources](#), [PLEASE VISIT HERE!](#)

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### CLINICAL



#### World AIDS Day

On **December 1**, HRSA observes **World AIDS Day 2018**. This year's theme is "*Collaborating to End the HIV Epidemic.*" Every year HRSA commemorates World AIDS Day to show our long-standing commitment to those living with the disease and to remember and honor those who have died from HIV/AIDS in the United States and around the world. This year HRSA continues our work with federal partners to improve health outcomes for people living with HIV by providing a comprehensive system of HIV care and treatment; strengthening the health workforce by training providers; and increasing HIV testing and support for people living with the disease.

#### Cervical Cancer Prevention Course

**December 8, 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. • Smith Clinic at 2525 Holly Hall St. Houston, Texas 77054 • [Register](#)**  
**You Are Invited to Attend a Cervical Cancer Prevention Course:** This one day, hands-on course in management of cervical dysplasia is offered, at no cost to providers offering cervical cancer screening. This course is a collaborative effort between Harris Health, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and partners including Rice University, The University of Texas Medical Branch and Baylor College of Medicine.

#### Motivational Interviewing: Strategies for Tobacco Cessation and Management of Cardiovascular Health

**December 11, 1:00-2:00 p.m. CST • [Register](#)**

This webinar is co-sponsored by Alliant Quality, atom Alliance, AQIN, HQI, Telligen and TMF – Medicare Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organizations.

#### Enduring Materials Webinar on Suicide Prevention Tips for Physicians, Clinical Staff and Their Patients

This event is a recording of a webinar originally held Sept. 18, on the topic of Suicide Prevention Tips for Physicians, Clinical Staff and Their Patients. [View recording.](#)

#### ECHO Online Training

**ECHO IT Online Training** is a fun and useful skill building training and overview of the Zoom platform, and is designed to give users a better idea of how to use Zoom and deal with ECHO-related IT issues. This self-paced training is key for smooth operation of a teleECHO session overall, for the successful flow of each and every teleECHO session, and it can be taken according to individuals' schedules and learning styles. This training is intended to be a free navigation resource available to you, however, if you'd like to have proof of completion to show your Zoom mastery, a **certificate version** of this training is also available.

### **Addiction and Pain Management & Prevention Summit**

**February 15-17, 2019 • T&T Hotel and Conference Center • The University of Texas at Austin • [Details & Registration](#)**

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. Call: 877.451.8700 or **Email** for more information.

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### **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

#### **Health Center Colleagues Share Best Practices: MA and DA Program Affiliations**

#### **Webcast & South University Nursing Career Fair**

**December 13, 12:00-1:00 p.m. CST • [Register](#)**

Please join us for an R&R webcast on Dec. 13 from 12-1 pm featuring your TACHC community health center colleagues sharing best practices for Medical/Dental Assistant preceptorship/externship programs they offer. Please register for the webcast **here**. TACHC will also be marketing current community health center job postings at South University Nursing Career on Dec. 5. 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](http://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**.

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

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