



Council on Community Pediatrics

Resources for Community Pediatricians

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Opportunities

Call for Posters: Community Health Institute & Expo

Present health center research and innovations at the 2009 Community Health Institute & Expo. Are you conducting research in, on, or with health centers? Do you have an exceptional program that can be replicated by other health centers?

Call for posters... With over 2,000 attendees the Community Health Institute & Expo (CHI) is the ideal place to showcase a research activity happening at a center, research on centers, or an innovative best practice that has improved care or reduced costs. Presenting a poster at the CHI provides you a forum to share your work, find other centers with similar needs and interests, deliberate over new ideas, and facilitate the creation of new partnerships. For more information on posters, abstract guidelines, selection process, and presentations please visit

<http://www.softconference.com/subs/nachc/2009/CHI/Posters/default.asp?log=1>. Abstract deadline in May 1st. Accepted poster submitters will be notified of decisions by July 1. For more information email Michelle Proser, NACHC Director of Research at mproser@nachc.com.

Reports, Articles, Web Sites

Article Analyzes Overweight and Obesity Disparities Among US Immigrant Children and Adolescents

from MCH Alert, April 17, 2009

"Given the ethnic diversity of US immigrants, monitoring obesity differences among various immigrant groups is important in that such investigations can provide valuable insights into the complex causes of obesity, particularly the role of potentially modifiable social, behavioral, and environmental factors," write the authors of an article published in the Journal of Community Health online (ahead of print) on March 31, 2009. Obesity prevalence has more than tripled for U.S. children and adolescents during the past three decades and is recognized as a major public



health problem. While information about childhood and adolescent obesity prevalence is routinely available by gender and major racial/ethnic group, information about obesity rates for immigrant children and adolescents is not. The purpose of the study described in this article was (1) to estimate the prevalence of obesity and overweight among immigrant-born U.S. children and adolescents from birth through age 17 after adjusting for age, gender, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, place of residence, neighborhood safety, television viewing, computer use, and physical activity using a large, nationally representative sample and (2) to examine the extent to which immigrant obesity and overweight patterns vary by ethnicity and level of acculturation.

Singh GK, Kogan MD, Yu SM. 2009. Disparities in obesity and overweight prevalence among US immigrant children and adolescents by generational status. *Journal of Community Health* [published online ahead of print on March 31, 2009]. Abstract available at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/v734047648873288/p=b38df8fc6d5548dc87135215b1b11ef8&pi=7>.

More information is available from the following MCH Library resources:

- Overweight and Obesity in Children and Adolescents: Knowledge Path at

http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_overweight.html

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health: Knowledge Path at

http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_race.html

Recent Transitions Articles in Pediatrics

Attached are two recent articles from Pediatrics focusing on transitions from pediatric to adult care.

Debra S Lotstein, Reem Ghandour, Amanda Cash, Elizabeth MdGuire, Bonnie Strickland, and Paul Newacheck. "Planning for Health Care Transitions: Results from the 2005-2006 National survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs" *Pediatrics*, Jan 2009; 123: e145-e152.

Nadja G Peter, Christine M Forke, Kenneth Ginsburg, and Donald F Schwarz "Transition from Pediatric to Adult Care: Internists' Perspectives" *Pediatrics*, Feb 2009; 123: 417-423.

Obesity Rates Differ among Racial/Ethnic Groups in US Preschool Children

from CityMatCH NewsBriefs, April 23, 2009

Obesity is twice as common in young American Indian/Native Alaskan children as it is in White and Asian children, according to new research offering the first nationally representative analysis of obesity prevalence among preschool-aged kids in five major racial/ethnic groups. The analysis also showed obesity prevalence is higher in Hispanic and Black children than it is in Whites and Asians. Dr. Sarah Anderson, assistant professor of epidemiology at Ohio State University College of Public Health, was lead author on the study. The research is published in the April issue of *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*. To view press release, go to: <http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/kidobesprev.htm>

Addressing the Mental Health Problems of Border and Immigrant Youth

from CityMatCH NewsBriefs, April 23, 2009

Addressing the Mental Health Problems of Border and Immigrant Youth from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network reports on the living conditions and challenges faced by families and youth living in border towns. This report addresses issues that influence mental health including cultural collision, questioning identity, socioeconomic and environmental challenges, violence, fear, substance use and barriers to care. Providers offering services to immigrant youth will find the reported recommendations useful for addressing youth needs.

To view, go to:

http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/BorderlandersSpecialReport_Final_0.pdf

Tools & Resources



MCH Library Releases New Edition of Knowledge Path About Autism Spectrum Disorders

from MCH Alert, April 10, 2009

Autism Spectrum Disorders: Knowledge Path is an electronic guide to resources about screening for autism spectrum disorders, diagnosis, treatment and intervention, communication, education, vocational challenges, and impact on family life. The new edition of the knowledge path, produced by the MCH Library, contains information on Web sites, publications, distance learning resources, databases, and social media. Separate sections present resources that address early identification, early intervention and education, concerns about vaccines, and environmental health research. The knowledge path is intended for use by health professionals, educators, researchers, policymakers, and families and will be updated periodically. The knowledge path is available at http://mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_autism.html.

MCH Library Releases Online Resource Brief About Adolescent Health

from MCH Alert, April 10, 2009

Adolescent Health: Resource Brief is an electronic guide to recent resources on Web sites and other related resources for health professionals and families. The brief, produced by the MCH Library, contains links to related bibliographies, knowledge paths, organizations lists, and other resource briefs developed by the library. Selected topics include adolescent pregnancy and parents, adolescent pregnancy prevention, health insurance and access to care for children and adolescents, school health, sexuality education, and social and emotional development in children and adolescents. The brief is available at <http://www.mchlibrary.info/guides/adolescent.html>.

Conferences, Seminars, Teleconferences, Webinars

National Healthy Housing Policy Summit

The National Healthy Housing Policy Summit will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2009 in Washington, DC. For more information see attached flyer.

Horizons for Homeless Children's 4th Annual Conference

Horizons for Homeless Children will be holding their 4th annual conference entitled "Young Children without Homes" from June 15-16, 2009 in Boston, MA. For more information about the conference visit <http://www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org/Programs-Nat-Con-2009.asp> or contact Katherine Osgood at 617-445-1480 or training-advocacy@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

Community Leadership Institute for Childhood Obesity Prevention

from CityMatCH NewsBriefs, April 23, 2009

Children in Balance, an initiative of the Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University for the prevention and reversal of childhood obesity, is hosting a three day leadership training institute for professionals and advocates who wish to further childhood obesity prevention efforts in their communities with a focus on elementary-aged children. The *Community Leadership Institute for Childhood Obesity Prevention* is scheduled for July 21-23, 2009, in Boston, MA. For more information, visit:

<http://childreninbalance.org/>