

March of Dimes
Central Valley Division
4201 W. Shaw Avenue, Suite 105
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March of Dimes Central Valley Division
presents the 6th Annual

Improving Perinatal Outcomes in the Central Valley Health Education Conference

“Disparities in Perinatal Health”

March 30, 2007
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Children’s Hospital Central California

March of Dimes offers this conference for health care professionals and others who work with pregnant women and their babies. This year’s conference will focus on disparities in perinatal health and interventions designed to address them. Highlights of this year’s program will include:

- A definition of health disparities with a look at both national and Central Valley data;
- A multi-ethnic comparison of racism and its impact on birth outcomes;
- Information on culturally competent care of child-bearing families;
- A look at how counties are analyzing disparities through Fetal Infant Mortality Review;
- How to serve the perinatal client by increasing practitioners’ awareness of providing best practices;
- Primary prevention through preconception information for Hispanic women

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Conference Presenters

Mary Lou Moore, PhD, RN, FACCE, FAAN
Wake Forest University School of Medicine,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

John Capitman, PhD
Central Valley Health Policy Institute, Fresno, California

Tyan Parker Dominguez, PhD, MPH, MSW
University of Southern California,
Los Angeles, California

Karen Ramstrom, DO, MSPH
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health/Office of Family
Planning Branch, California Department of Health
Services, Sacramento, California

Beverly Robertson, MSLIS, MA, CA
March of Dimes Pregnancy & Newborn Health
Education Center, White Plains, New York

Marlene I. Bengiamin, PhD
Central Valley Health Policy Institute, Fresno, California

Mathilda B. Ruwe, MD, MPH, PhD
Central Valley Health Policy Institute, Fresno, California

Gina Pinto, LMFT
San Luis Obispo County Health Department,
San Luis Obispo, California

Conference Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast - Foyer
- 8:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks, Conrad Chao, MD & Karen Hamilton, RN – Rooms 150A & B
- 8:45 a.m. “Cultural Competence in the Care of Childbearing Families,” Mary Lou Moore, PhD, RN, FACCE, FAAN – Rooms 150A & B
- 10:00 a.m. “Prenatal Health Disparities in the San Joaquin Valley,” John Capitman, PhD – Rooms 150 A&B
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. “Racism and Birth Outcome Disparities: A Bio psycho social Perspective,” Tyan Parker Domingez, PhD, MPH, MSW – Rooms 150A & B
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions –Round 1
- Session 1: “Perinatal Outcomes – How Counties are Analyzing Disparities/Fetal Infant Mortality Review,” panel facilitated by Karen Ramstrom, DO, MSPH, California Department of Health Services MCAH/Office of Family Planning Branch – Room 150A
- Session 2: “Antes De Quedar Embarazada: Preconception Information for Hispanic Women,” Beverly Robertson, MSLIS, MA, CA – Room 150B
- Session 3: “Adequate Care & Birth Outcome – A Three-year Birth File Analysis and a Provider Perspective,” Marlene Bengiamin, PhD and “Disparities in Prenatal Care: How Much is the Difference? Does Insurance Matter? A Meta-analysis,” Mathilda Ruwe, MD, MPH, PhD – Room 140A
- Session 4: “How to Serve the Perinatal Client: Increasing the Practitioners’ Awareness of Providing Best Practices,” Gina Pinto, LMFT – Room 140B
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions – Round 2
- Repeat of Sessions 1 - 4
- 4:30 p.m. Evaluation



Conference Fee

The registration fee is \$50. This non-refundable fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and conference materials. There is no additional fee for continuing education units. Check or credit card will be accepted.

Registration Deadline

Payment and registration form must be received by Friday, March 23, 2007. On-site registration will not be available.

Conference Planning Committee

- Judy Adams, Newborn Screening Program, Children’s Hospital Central California
- Susan Dickson, RN, SPHN, Maternal Child Adolescent Health Division, Fresno County Department of Community Health
- Karen Hamilton, RN, San Joaquin/Sierra Regional Perinatal Program, California Health Collaborative
- Nancy Irvin, RN, Merced County Department of Public Health
- Loretta Porta, RN, IBCLC, Golden Valley Health Centers
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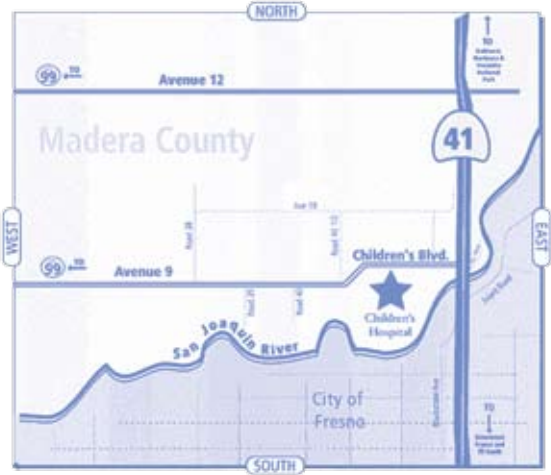
Continuing Education

This course is provider approved for six contact hours by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #12012, California Health Collaborative

This course meets the qualifications for six hours of continuing education credit for M.F.T.s and/or L.C.S.W.s as required by the California Board of Behavioral Science, Provider #PCE1643, California Health Collaborative.

Conference Location

Children’s Hospital Central California
9300 Valley Children’s Place
Madera, CA 93638
Conference Center



- Please park in the designated visitor parking areas.
- Conference participants are encouraged to carpool.

Registration Form *(Please print clearly)*

Name _____
Agency _____
License # _____
Address _____
City, Zip Code _____
Phone # _____
Fax # _____
Email Address _____
Credit Card # _____

Type of card MasterCard VISA
 Other – Please specify:

Credit Card Expiration Date _____

- Vegetarian Meal Requested
- CEU Certificate Needed

Only those registrants who provide an email address will receive a confirmation notice prior to the conference. Receipts will be given out on the day of the conference.

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Please make checks payable to: March of Dimes

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