



## **WELCOME!**

We are delighted that you will be joining us at the 2008 California Adolescent Health Conference. The conference will be held on September 18 & 19, 2008 in Los Angeles, CA.

Our program theme, “Youth Issues 2008: Transforming Services, Transforming Communities” is designed to challenge your thinking, provide a forum to communicate your thoughts and encourage you to collaborate with your colleagues. You will:

- **Build practical skills** for working with youth.
- **Explore innovative ways** to reach, educate, and advocate for and with young people.
- **Experience a collaborative environment** inviting you to share experiences around working with youth and their allies.
- **Identify resources** that can facilitate partnerships between youth-serving, youth-focused and youth-run agencies.
- **Initiate a plan** for coordinated action on identified youth issues

Enclosed please find important information about the conference. Please read through these materials carefully. If you have any questions, please call Sharon Kosch, conference coordinator at 510-612-6040. Included in this packet:

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### **TRAVEL AND LOCATION INFORMATION**

The 2008 Adolescent Health Conference will be held at:

**Center for Healthy Communities  
The California Endowment  
1000 N. Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

## **Directions**

The facility is located 1 1/2 blocks from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. Airline transportation arrangements can be made to either Los Angeles International airport or Burbank airport. Shuttle service is available for a fee from either airport. Check [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) for more information and to make reservations. The Center can also be reached by public transportation from either airport via Union Station. For those driving, there is free parking in the Endowment lot. For **local driving and public transportation directions**, please check the conference website at [www.californiateenhealth.org/conference](http://www.californiateenhealth.org/conference).

## **Venue Information**

The Center for Healthy Communities is a state of the art conferencing venue. Use of cell phones is restricted to the Atrium and outdoor areas to minimize disruption to meetings and working staff. The Center is a non-smoking facility inside as well as the outdoor courtyard area.

## **Hotels**

There are a number of options for hotel accommodations. The conference will not be reserving a room block so participants should look for hotel options that meet their needs and budgets. Below are suggestions to help you with your plans.

1. For those looking for an urban hotel experience, the recommended hotel is the [Omni Los Angeles](#). Be sure to look for the “net savvy” rate online or other discounts such as AAA. You will need to use a cab to get to the conference facility. The Omni can be reached by flying into LAX airport and taking a [Super Shuttle](#).
2. A less expensive option is to fly to the Burbank Airport and stay at hotels in Burbank. Recommended hotels are the Courtyard Los Angeles Burbank Airport and the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center. Reservations can be made for either of these hotels online at [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com). Be sure to ask for appropriate discounts such as the AAA discount. Both hotels are within walking distance of the train station. A 30 minute train ride to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles will bring you within 2 blocks of the conference facility.
3. Another option is to fly into LAX airport and stay at a hotel in the airport area. There are a number of hotels with varying prices. The conference facility can be accessed by taking the Fly Bus from the airport to Union Station or taking a [Super Shuttle](#) directly to the Center.

## **SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

### **Day One – Thursday September 18**

8:00 am		registration, continental breakfast, networking
9:00 am	- 10:30 am	opening plenary session - <a href="#">Teen Dating Violence</a>
10:45 am	- 12:15 am	workshop 1
12:15 pm	- 1:30 pm	lunch
1:30 pm	- 3:00 pm	workshop 2
3:15 pm	- 4:45 pm	workshop 3
4:45 pm	- 5:30 pm	youth theater performance - “Choices”

## **Day Two – Friday September 19**

8:00 am		registration, continental breakfast, networking
9:00 am -	10:15 am	plenary session – Reproductive Justice Issues
10:30 am –	12:00 pm	workshop 4
12:00 pm–	1:00 pm	lunch
1:15 pm–	2:30 pm	afternoon plenary – School Health Centers Update
2:45 pm –	4:15 pm	workshop 5
4:15 pm -	4:45 pm	closing gathering

### **CEU'S**

The conference will **NOT** be providing CEU's. The decision was made because so few people utilized this opportunity at the last adolescent health conference. If you would be interested in having CEU's as a part of the conference in the future, please be sure to note this on your conference evaluation form.

### **PAYMENTS AND REFUND**

#### **Payment Due**

All payments must be received no later than September 8, 2008. Attendees with outstanding balances will be refused admission to the conference. There will be no exceptions for attendees using purchase orders. Please send conference payment to:

Adolescent Health Conference  
555 12th Street, 10th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94607

If your organization needs a tax ID number, please contact the conference coordinator at 510-612-6040

#### **Refund Policy**

All refund requests must be made in writing postmarked and/or faxed by September 8, 2008. All approved requests will be given a refund less processing fee of \$25.00 for adult or \$10.00 for youth. An organization may send someone else if the initial registrant is unable to attend and notifies CAHC by September 8, 2008.

#### **Registration At The Door**

Please tell your friends and colleagues that a limited number of registrations will be taken at the door. Payment must be made in full by check or cash. No credit cards or purchase orders will be accepted at the door.

### **CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of tasks including room hosts, registration, and helping people find their way around the facilities. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please email [conference@californiateenhealth.org](mailto:conference@californiateenhealth.org)

### **WHERE TO FIND FEATURED SPEAKER AND DETAILED PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Featured speaker and program workshop information can be found on the conference website at [www.californiateenhealth.org/conference](http://www.californiateenhealth.org/conference). Use the menu at the right side of the page and click on program.

**Featured speakers** include:

Rebecca Levenson, Family Violence Prevention Fund  
Dr. Elizabeth Miller, UC Davis School of Medicine  
Rebecca Gudeman, National Center for Youth Law  
Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas, 26<sup>th</sup> District California State Senate  
Serena Clayton, California School Health Centers Association  
Joel Cohen, Dental Health Foundation  
Gabriela Valle, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice  
Suely Ngouy, Khmer Girls in Action  
Youth, Peace Over Violence  
Councilmember Richard Alarcon, 7<sup>th</sup> District, Los Angeles City Council

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Please email your responses to [conference@californiateenhealth.org](mailto:conference@californiateenhealth.org)

1. If you are staying in a hotel, please let us know which one so we can connect you with other conference participants at your location. This may be useful in arranging transportation to the Center.
2. Your conference registration fee provides you with a continental breakfast and lunch both days of the conference. If you will not be present for a meal, please let us know which one so we do not over order food.

**CONTACT US**

Before the conference, please email [conference@californiateenhealth.org](mailto:conference@californiateenhealth.org) or call the conference coordinator at 510-612-6040. The conference coordinator phone number will also be active during the conference.

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