



# CHDP HIGHLIGHTS

Ventura County Public Health  
Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

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## Save the Dates

### May 15 — Audiometric Screening In-Service

Register online at: <https://bit.ly/2U5OWI6>

### June 19 — Developmental Screening In-Service

Register online at: <https://bit.ly/2GuNjZb>

## Our CHDP website has MOVED!

Check out our new website at  
[www.vchca.org/chdp](http://www.vchca.org/chdp)  
where you can learn about our programs!



Find additional resources about the following:

- Child Health & Disability Prevention (CHDP)
- Childhood Oral Health Program
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)
- Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC)
- Breastfeeding Resources
- Developmental Screening

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## Changes to Fluoride Varnish Incentives

Through the years, fluoride varnish applications has been a major priority for CHDP. However, due to changes in funding, the CHDP Oral Health and Fluoride Varnish Program will be closing out the **incentive portion** of the program on June 30, 2019. Therefore, CHDP will no longer provide incentives, such as fluoride varnish, toothbrushes, floss, etc. To purchase fluoride varnish, check out the following lists of vendors below:

- [Fluoride Varnish Listing](https://bit.ly/2XVtfGw) (<https://bit.ly/2XVtfGw>)
- [Dental Supply Companies Contact Information](https://bit.ly/2u1edBz) (<https://bit.ly/2u1edBz>)

Your local CHDP Administration office will continue to:

- Provide fluoride varnish trainings and certifications to new providers and staff.
- Review oral health assessments with dental referral classification documentations through CHDP recertification and audit reviews.
- Monitor fluoride varnish applications through clinic quarterly performance measures.
- Be a resource on oral health and fluoride varnish applications.

If you have any questions, please call the CHDP Administration office at (805) 981-5291 or contact your assigned CHDP Nurse Consultant.

## Healthy Eating Can Keep Children Safe from Lead

Lead can harm a child’s brain making it hard for them to learn, behave and pay attention. Nutrition plays a key role in the prevention of lead poisoning. Fight lead poisoning by keeping children’s stomachs full of healthy food. Empty stomachs absorb lead more easily than full stomachs. Children should eat healthy meals and snacks at least every 3-4 hours. Share the following tips with your patients to reduce the risk of lead exposure at meal times:



CLPPB, 2018

- Keep kids well nourished. Lead is less likely to be absorbed when children eat a variety of nutrients and foods such as:
  - ⇒ **Iron** (sources include lean red meats, fish, chicken, eggs, beans, pumpkin seeds, leafy green vegetables, and dried fruits)
  - ⇒ **Calcium** (sources include dairy, calcium fortified milk alternatives, and cooked leafy green vegetables)
  - ⇒ **Vitamin C** (sources include citrus fruits, melons, tomatoes, tomatillos, bell peppers, and broccoli)
- Avoid using dishes or pots that are old, worn, chipped, cracked, made of crystal or from outside the USA for cooking, eating, or drinking.
- Avoid imported foods like chapulines and imported spices such as turmeric or chili.
- Use only cold tap water for cooking, drinking, or baby formula (if used).
- Always have children wash hands before meals.

For additional information and resources, visit:

- [Well Fed = Less Lead](https://bit.ly/2vGG3Vk) (<https://bit.ly/2vGG3Vk>)
- [Ventura County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program \(CLPPP\)](https://bit.ly/2V2HTPr) (<https://bit.ly/2V2HTPr>)
- [California Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch](https://bit.ly/2yu34eJ) (<https://bit.ly/2yu34eJ>)

## CHDP Health Assessment Guideline #14

The CHDP Health Assessment Guidelines (Guidelines) are standards for pediatric health assessments for CHDP children 0-21 years of age. CHDP Providers and other health care professionals can use these Guidelines. There are 27 Guidelines, all of which are consistent with the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures™ Guidelines. The Guidelines describe the required screening procedures, frequency and content of the exam, tests to be provided, and recommended anticipatory guidance.



L. Banks, 2019

### Guideline #14 Hearing Screening

**Rationale:** Hearing and other sensory processes contribute to our overall health and well-being. According to the Healthy People 2020, one to three infants of every one-thousand live births are born deaf or hard of hearing. Without appropriate opportunities to learn language, these children will fall behind their hearing peers in communication, cognition, reading, and social-emotional development. Through early diagnosis and intervention, these children can develop speech and language skills on schedule with their peers.

#### Screening Requirements:

- Review family and medical history for indicators associated with hearing loss.
- Examine ears, head, and neck for structural defects or abnormalities.
- At each assessment visit, monitor for auditory skills, middle ear status, and developmental milestones.
- Assess auditory responsiveness and speech development of young children.
- Assess behaviors indicating possible hearing loss or speech and language delay.
- Administer a validated global screening tool at 9, 18, and 24-30 months.
- Screen for hearing of children age three to 21 years at each health assessment visit using a pure tone air conduction audiometer with intensity levels not exceeding 25 decibels (dB) at frequency levels of 1000, 2000, and (3000 Hz is optional) 4000 Hz.
- Include 6000 and 8000 Hz to the audiometric screening for children starting at age 11.

We highly recommend the staff in your office who perform audiometric screening to attend the upcoming CHDP In-Service on May 15, which is approved for 4 contact hours by the CA BRN Provider # CEP 12987. The audiometric training will provide education on the anatomy of the ear, hearing disorders, screening audiograms, how to perform an audiometric screening, follow-up requirements and a practicum. To register for the CHDP In-service, visit <https://bit.ly/2U5OWI6>.

For more information on the CHDP Health Assessment Guideline #14 Hearing Screening, visit <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Documents/HAG/14HearingAG.pdf>.

## New California Children’s Services (CCS) Provider Outreach Support



CCS, 2019

Ventura County’s CCS is proud to announce that Elizabeth Lomeli has taken the position of Provider Support following the retirement of her predecessor Christina Coronado. Her position is designed to provide CCS education by offering in-services for providers and their staff. The in-service offers information on how to refer clients to CCS, request CCS services for eligible clients and trouble shoot any billing claim’s issues. She also assists providers with CCS paneling applications for those who would like to begin accepting CCS clients in their office. Elizabeth has worked for Ventura County Public Health for 10 years and 8 years for CCS. She started in CCS as the front office receptionist, supported the CCS-Medical Therapy Program and today shares her CCS knowledge as a Community Health Worker. Her expertise in CCS and passion for helping the children enrolled in this program makes her an excellent resource for our community providers. For more information, please contact Elizabeth at (805) 981-5239 or by email at [Elizabeth.Lomeli@Ventura.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Lomeli@Ventura.org).

## Meet the New CCS Intake Team

Ventura County’s CCS serves an estimated 4,200 children each year with chronic debilitating, catastrophic and terminal illnesses and conditions. CCS assists with covering some of the medical costs associated with these conditions. Previously, each case team (Public Health Nurse and a Community Health Worker), had an average of 650 or more cases. State and local deadlines were not being met and staff were having to work overtime to try and maintain their workload, which included open cases and new referrals.



CCS, 2019

CCS implemented an intake team, made up of a Public Health Nurse and two Community Health Workers, to triage and assign all new incoming CCS referrals. The intake team reviews each referral for program eligibility, ensures all necessary information is present, explains the program to the family and provides a warm hand-off to the assigned case team. Since implementing the intake team, the caseloads for each case team have decreased by up to 20% allowing the teams to authorize service requests in a more timely manner and provide more comprehensive case management. Implementation of the intake team has also reduced the number of phone calls checking on the status of cases, as well as improved staff morale and customer service. For more information, contact CCS at (805) 981-5281 or visit <http://www.vchca.org/ccs-california-children-s-services>.

## Congratulations to Ventura County Oral Health Champions!

The CHDP Oral Health and Fluoride Varnish (FV) Incentive Program has been working with participating medical clinics to promote oral health screening and education, as well as fluoride varnish applications to eligible children of Ventura County. As the incentive portion of the program comes to an end, we want to thank all of our CHDP Providers who have joined us throughout the years in increasing awareness of the importance of oral health to overall health and well-being.

We are pleased to announce the following awards for 2019:

CHDP Oral Health and FV Provider of the Year

**Jannell Bohl, MD, VCMC Santa Paula West Pediatrics**

CHDP Oral Health and FV Clinic of the Year

**Dr. Hansuvadha's Clinic**



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### CHDP Oral Health and FV Individual Awards

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| <p><b>Daisy Martinez</b> <i>Clinicas El Rio</i></p> <p><b>Yesenia Padilla</b> <i>Clinicas Maravilla</i></p> <p><b>Eliana Contreras</b> <i>Clinicas Meta</i></p> <p><b>Gabriela Castro</b> <i>Clinicas Moorpark</i></p> <p><b>Felicitas Gonzalez</b> <i>Clinicas North Oxnard</i></p> <p><b>Lizeth Rios</b> <i>Clinicas North Oxnard Peds</i></p> <p><b>Gabriela Martinez</b> <i>Clinicas Oceanview</i></p> <p><b>Valeria Bahena</b> <i>Clinicas Ojai</i></p> <p><b>Josselyn Aguirre</b> <i>Clinicas Simi Valley East</i></p> <p><b>Erica Vega</b> <i>Clinicas Simi Valley Madera</i></p> <p><b>Yessica Gallegos</b> <i>Clinicas Ventura</i></p> <p><b>Lindsay Shull</b> <i>VCPH North Oxnard</i></p> <p><b>Yoselin Torres</b> <i>Dr. Hansuvadha's Clinic</i></p> | <p><b>Blanca Nunez</b> <i>CMH Fillmore</i></p> <p><b>Gricelda Guzman</b> <i>CMH Main</i></p> <p><b>Geneva Obiols</b> <i>CMH Midtown</i></p> <p><b>Gloria Gonzalez</b> <i>VCMC Conejo</i></p> <p><b>Jackie Wong</b> <i>VCMC AFMC</i></p> <p><b>Miriam Cervantes</b> <i>VCMC Las Islas</i></p> <p><b>Carmen Contreras</b> <i>VCMC Las Posas</i></p> <p><b>Nicole Herrera</b> <i>VCMC Mandalay Bay</i></p> <p><b>Adriana Melchor-Acevedo</b> <i>VCMC Moorpark</i></p> <p><b>Angelica Mejia</b> <i>VCMC Pediatric Diagnostic</i></p> <p><b>Maria Mendoza</b> <i>VCMC Santa Paula West Peds</i></p> <p><b>Janeli Aguayo</b> <i>VCMC Sierra Vista</i></p> <p><b>Ana Gomez</b> <i>VCMC West Ventura</i></p> |
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### National Nurses Week 2019



CCS, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura has proclaimed the week of May 6-12, 2019 as National Nurses Week. According to the American Nurses Association, it is a time to celebrate the vast contributions and positive impact of America’s 4 million registered nurses.

Ventura County CHDP would like to extend a special thanks to all the nurses, as you continue to provide the highest level of quality care to your patients. You deserve special recognition for your vast contributions and the positive impact you make every day!



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