

Opportunity Update – Project Leadership
7/25/18

Opportunity Updates are posted at <http://www.familyvoicesofca.org/project-leadership-2/opportunities/>

*****FAMILY VOICES IS HIRING***** Family Engagement Manager. <https://www.supportforfamilies.org/jobs>

LEGISLATIVE

- **Western Center on Law and Poverty seeks stories of children on Medi-Cal** being denied health care services because the “magic” EPSDT words weren’t used, or because the wrong medical necessity standard was applied. Stories are needed to support SB 1287 (Hernandez) which would codify EPSDT standards for Medi-Cal. Kim Lewis at lewis@healthlaw.org
- **Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)** – The U.S. Senate and House approved a bill to delay the implementation of a requirement that agencies adopt EVV for in-home personal care services. The bill is under review by the President.
- **The California State Legislature** is on summer recess, reconvening August 6. Committee hearings and floor sessions will run until the August 24 deadline for each house to pass bills.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE – BOARDS/COMMITTEES/WORKGROUPS

- **(Nationwide FOCUS GROUP)** – Family Voices seeks diverse family caregivers for a focus group to discuss topics to include in a national research agenda about health care for children and youth with special health care needs. Stipend available. Contact choover@familyvoices.org by 7/31.
- **(Statewide FOCUS GROUP)** – NAMI California seeks diverse communities to participate in materials development for advocacy. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1385512586416646915>
- **(Sacramento area & Fresno)** – The Arc of California is seeking parent leaders in Sacramento and Fresno to participate in Advisory Teams to address the racial disparities in regional center and general health care services. Contact elinn@familyvoicesofca.org for information.
- **(Statewide)** – The CA Department of Health Care Services has a Stakeholder Engagement Directory listing opportunities for family participation <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Stakeholders.aspx>

PARTICIPATE!

- **3-minute survey! Alta California Regional Center seeks input** on priorities for allocating Community Placement Plan funds to regional centers.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACRC_Community_Resource_Development_Plan
- **Mental Health America seeks diverse participants in its #MyStoryMyWay campaign** to open communications about mental illness among communities of color, LGBT+ individuals, and refugee and immigrant communities.
<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/minority-mental-health-month>

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TRAINING/INFORMATION – Meetings, Conferences, Webinars

- **Thursday, July 26 (Webinar)** – A Conversation on Care Coordination for Children with Medical Complexity: Whose Care Is It, Anyway? <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6314492371449423875>
- **Thursday, July 26 (Webinar)** – Collaborating with Non-Traditional Partners to Develop Diverse Family Leaders. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCFPPJuly2018>
- **Tuesday, July 31 (Webinar)** – Outreach and Enrollment Strategies to Reach Rural Communities. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1859294345360718081>
- **Thursday, Aug. 2 (Webinar)** – Advocating at School for Children with Bleeding Disorders. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdj3-KbWU-t9qAQBo8TU5VVYbx2ISuWXwxRimBqAkKytXdtTw/viewform>
- **Friday, Aug. 3 (Davis)** – MIND Summer Institute on Neurodevelopmental Disorders. http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/cme/course_pages/MIND/mind_pagelink.html
- **Saturday, Aug. 4 (Hayward)** – Congreso Familiar conference in Spanish for families and professionals. <http://files.constantcontact.com/eb101a2f101/da3ec955-84d6-4c83-a63d-e1a247bce94b.pdf>
- **Tuesday, Aug. 7 (Webinar)** – Igniting Change from the Ground Up: Uplifting Best Practices for Community Organizing and Leadership Engagement. <https://mailchi.mp/516379fafde7/join-us-for-a-free-webinar-about-community-organizing-and-leadership-engagement>

RESOURCES

- **Having trouble with your health plan?** – Find out what to do if you've been denied coverage. <http://www.mypatientrights.org>

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