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Welcome

The Pacific Public Health Training Center (PPHTC) is a consortium of five school partners – four California Schools of Public Health (Loma Linda University, San Diego State University, University of California Berkeley, and University of California Los Angeles) and the University of Hawaii at Manoa’s Office of Public Health Studies – established to serve the public health workforce in the states of California, Hawaii, Utah, Nevada, and the U.S. Associated Pacific Islands. It is in its eighth year of operation. PPHTC’s mission is to identify, develop, deliver, and support competency-based workforce development opportunities that address public health needs consistent with Healthy People 2010 objectives. This serves PPHTC’s goal to maintain a skilled public health workforce that supports and enhances individual and community health needs in the center's vast region.

NEWS

PPHTC News

Student Outreach Effort: Making a Difference in the 21st Century

PPHTC recently conducted three undergraduate outreach conferences in California’s Northern, Southern, and Central regions to increase student awareness about education and career opportunities in public health. Over 55 public health practitioners, faculty members and graduate students from various campuses and communities participated as presenters and/or panelists at the events, which included topics entitled “Why Public Health Needs You,” “Pathways to Public Health”, and “How I Got In and Made It Work.” Collectively, 258 students attended the conferences that took place in Los Angeles (February 29, 2008), Berkeley (March 1, 2008), and Fresno (April 12, 2008). By the end of the events, approximately 80% of attendees indicated they were very interested in graduate education in public health, and approximately one-third reported being most interested in health promotion and health education. These events were primarily funded by a grant from the Health Careers Training Program of California’s Office of Statewide Health

Planning & Development. For more highlights about this program and to see its post-event website, please [VISIT ONLINE>>](#)

How to Get It Published: From Conference to Press

On March 25, 2008, by popular demand, PPHTC produced a second part to its well-received “How to Get It Published” training, this time focusing on transforming conference presentations into academic journal articles. Over 24 public health professionals from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health participated in this hands-on training. By its end, participants had identified potential journals for their articles and developed outlines for their submissions. To access this training material online, please [VISIT ONLINE>>](#)

Training Evaluation or "How Do I Know If They Learned Anything?"

On June 3, 2008, over 50 Los Angeles County Department of Public Health professionals joined Dr. Kim Shoaf, PPHTC's Principal Investigator, for a training at The California Endowment's beautiful Greater Los Angeles Program Office for a workshop in Training Evaluation (subtitled “How Do I Know If They Learned Anything?”). Throughout the day, participants learned and practiced process and outcome evaluation instrument development. Next up: Program Evaluation!

A Successful “-isms” Conference Building Inclusive and Multi-Culturally Competent Health Organizations: A Healing Approach to Addressing the Isms

The UC Berkeley Center for Public Health Preparedness and the “isms” conference planning team organized the second “isms” conference with approximately 200 people, representing a wide range of organizations from public health, health care and mental health disciplines. Many participants said this was the best conference they ever attended, and came away profoundly moved and filled with new ways of thinking about diversity, cultural competence, and what it means to address the “isms” in their organizations and in their lives. To read more of the success stories of this conference, please [CLICK HERE >>](#)

Course on Native Hawaiian Concepts of Health and Healing

In Spring 2008, the University of Hawaii's Office of Public Health Studies offered a course introducing students, community members, faculty, and staff to traditional Native Hawaiian concepts and worldview of health and healing. In this one unit course, well-respected speakers representing various voices of the Hawaiian community spoke on topics such as Kanaka Maoli identity and health, laau lapaau, lomi lomi, hooponopono, traditional Hawaiian diet, the relationship of the environment (land/ocean) and health, and spirituality and “western science.” This course introduced an understanding of health and healing that is often ignored in the academy. Students were challenged to critically review current popular understandings of Hawaiian health issues, as well as current public health practices. The course was enthusiastically attended by 17 students from various academic disciplines including public health, education, social work, and public administration. In an effort to share knowledge with the general public, the community was also invited to participate in the course. An average of 5 - 6 community members attended class sessions each week. Members of PPHTC—UH attended a couple class sessions as well. The course, was taught by Dr. Shannon Hirose-Wong and supported by a grant from the Student Equity, Excellence, and Diversity Office at the UH, Manoa.

Mental Health Training Series Conducted at the Hawaii State Department of Health

UH's Department of Public Health Sciences implemented a mental health training series during the spring 2008. Dr. Cynthia Stuhlmiller and Dr. Allison Imrie, both UH public health faculty identified key mental health specialists, trainers, and practitioners to present their expertise in this 12-part training series. Mental health topics such as mental health legislative issues, mental health in children and adolescents, evidence-based mental health practices, and access to mental health treatment outcomes of cognitive behavioral therapy were offered. The Hawaii state health department personnel gave very favorable evaluations of the trainings and several trainees were able to access the trainings via video teleconference. Participants' attendance ranged from 10-20 people per session. For more information please contact Valerie Yontz, PhD, PPHTC representative for University of Hawaii, Department of Public Health Sciences vyontz@hawaii.edu, phone 808-956-5771

Leadership and Management Series Conducted For Hawaii's Community Health Centers

PPHTC's UH partner worked closely with the Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) to help sponsor a six- part training series in leadership and management skills. The series was geared to middle and senior management employees from the 14-federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii. The series started with corporate compliance, and included best practices in human resources, financial management for new fiscal officers, creating systems for continuous quality improvement, conducting needs assessment, and public/community relations. More than 30 people from ten of the 14 HPCA health centers were trained including members from neighboring islands who flew to Oahu once a month to attend the training. Due to the success of this training series a second series is being requested. For more information please contact Valerie Yontz, PhD, PPHTC representative for University of Hawaii, Department of Public Health Sciences vyontz@hawaii.edu, phone 808-956-5771

Dean's Seminar: Designs for Health

PPHTC University Partner Loma Linda University's "Designs for Health" provides a fresh examination of the science and art of contemporary public health practice. Our aim is to provide you each week with 30 minutes of intellectually stimulating content that you can conveniently access, from your television (LLBN), or via the computer. For more information and full menu of presenters and topics such as "Over the top behavior: An addicted society" and "The invisible problem: Homelessness" [VISIT ONLINE>>](#)

Public Health News

Local Health Departments and Adolescent HIV Prevention: Challenges, Successes, and Implications for Practice and Policy

This report summarizes findings from key informant interviews with HIV-prevention program managers at 40 local health departments. The report also includes a series of implications for local public health practice and policy to support adolescent HIV, STD, and unintended pregnancy prevention efforts. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

CDC Recommends Shingles Vaccine

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending that people age 60 and older should be vaccinated against shingles, or herpes zoster, a condition often marked by debilitating chronic pain. CDC recommends a single dose of the zoster vaccine,

Zostavax, for adults 60 years of age and older even if they have had a prior episode of shingles. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

MedlinePlus Debuts Health Information in Multiple Languages

MedlinePlus has introduced a multilingual feature, providing access to high quality health information in languages other than English and Spanish. This new service provides the high quality health information in 44 different languages, benefiting people who prefer to read health information in their native language. For more information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Noncommunicable diseases now biggest killers: Chronic conditions like heart disease, stroke kill more, says WHO's World health statistics 2008

According to the new WHO report the global burden of disease is shifting from infectious diseases to noncommunicable diseases, with chronic conditions such as heart disease and stroke now being the chief causes of death globally. The shifting health trends indicate that leading infectious diseases – diarrhea, HIV, tuberculosis, neonatal infections and malaria – will become less important causes of death globally over the next 20 years. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

EVENTS

PPHTC Training

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH)

PPHTC is collaborating with the Health Education Administration offices of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) to bring three Spring-Summer trainings to LADPH Health Educators and other county public health professionals.

August 5, 2008: "Time Management" will provide LADPH professionals with strategies and methods to better organize their individual and project-related time. Trainer Ms. Kamerman has over 15 years of experience in project management and administration. She received her M. S. in Applied Behavioral Science with concentrations in Organizational Development and Management from Johns Hopkins University, School of Professional Studies.

Please contact Rachel Flores (rcflores@pphtc.org) if you are interested in participating in this training.

Other Training Opportunities

AIHA's TeleWeb Virtual Seminars Learn Without Leaving Your Home or Office

TeleWeb Virtual Seminars are live continuing education events that enable attendees to participate from their own home or office. Courses are fully accredited and allow IHS and OEHS professionals to obtain CMEs, CEUs and COCs on their own time in a comfortable atmosphere. TeleWebs are typically about two and a half hours long and are similar to conference calls, but with a radio

talk-show feel. Presenters guide attendees through presentations, discuss topics, and answer questions directly, just as they would in a traditional live course.

What Industrial Hygienists Should Know About Risk Management and Insurance

August 19, 2008

2:00-4:30 p.m. ET

This course will provide an overview of the risk management and insurance profession from the health and safety program perspective. It will specifically address how an organization's loss exposures are identified and analyzed, how risk management alternatives are evaluated, how the most desirable option is selected, the implementation of selected risk management techniques, and the monitoring of effectiveness. For more information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Conferences

Society for Nutrition Education (SNE) 2008 Annual Conference

Sacramento Convention Center

Atlanta, GA

July 19-23, 2008

This exciting event for nutrition program planners and evaluators, teachers, dietitians and dietetic technicians, researchers, county extension agents, policy makers, chefs, scientists and more offers access to the latest developments in food, nutrition, and education. For more information and registration please

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2nd Annual Public Health Congress

Washington, DC

July 23-25, 2008

World Congress is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Public Health Care Congress scheduled for July 23-25, 2008 in Washington, DC at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. At the 2008 Public Health Care Congress the nation's most respected health system executives and government health officials will meet to reengineer current strategies to improve their organizations' positions in America's rapidly changing health care delivery system. For more information and registration please

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Disaster Planning for Hospitals Conference

Washington, DC

August 11-12, 2008

This conference provides 100% case-study driven strategies and best practices. World Research Group's 3rd Annual Disaster Planning for Hospitals Conference, to be held in Washington, DC on August 11-12, 2008, equips you with the specific templates and tools you

need to overcome the unique challenges of disaster planning. For more information and registration please

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Summer Institute for Public Health Practice 2008

Seattle, WA

August 11-15, 2008

Interact, engage, connect as a participant in the 17th annual Summer Institute for Public Health Practice, August 11-15, 2008.

Experience the excellent instruction by nationally recognized faculty—the hallmark of the Institute and its sponsor, the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. For more information and registration please

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25th Council for the International Conference on Physical Activity Fitness Research (ICPAFR) Symposium

Loma Linda, CA

September 2-4, 2008

The Council for the International Conference on Physical Activity and Fitness Research (ICPAFR) is proud to announce the 25th ICPAFR Symposium scheduled for September 2008. The symposium will be hosted by Loma Linda University, located in Southern California, USA. In keeping with the theme of the council, the upcoming symposium will focus on a quality of life most conducive to health and well-being through the promotion of physical activity and proper nutritional intake. Using a series of informative presentations and research findings, leading academicians, practitioners, and researchers will provide updates on the latest scientific advances. For more information and registration please

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ASTHO-NACCHO 2008 Joint Conference

Sacramento, CA

September 9-12, 2008

For more information and registration please

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National Safety Council 2008 Congress & Expo

Anaheim, CA

September 22-24, 2008

The National Safety Council Congress & Expo is the WORLD'S LARGEST annual event for safety, health and environmental professionals and is ranked among the Top 200 trade shows in the nation by Tradeshow Week. For more information and registration please

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ASPH Annual Meeting

San Diego, CA

October 25-28, 2008

For more information and registration please

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2008 APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition

San Diego, CA

October 25-29, 2008

The APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition is the oldest and largest gathering of public health professionals in the world, attracting more than 13,000 national and international physicians, administrators, nurses, educators, researchers, epidemiologists, and related health specialists. For more information and registration please

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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

E-Learning

Free Online Intro to Public Health Courses by PPHTC

PPHTC Free public health courses are available online through PPHTC. Courses include Obesity and Overweight, Foodborne Illness, PH101 Principles of Public Health, and new course on "How to Get it Published: From Conference to Press" To register and take these courses

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Big Cities Health Inventory, 2007: The Health of Urban USA

The Big Cities Health Inventory 2007: The Health of Urban USA provides city-to-city comparisons of leading measures of health, presenting a broad overview of the health of the 54 largest metropolitan areas in the U.S. Produced with funding from NACCHO's Metro Forum, this report is the fifth edition of a compendium of health status indicators designed to provide usable information for evidence-based decision making. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Informatics for the Public Health Workforce

As we come into the era of evidence based medicine, public health professionals are doing their part to transform public health into evidence-based public health. The MI-INFO (Michigan Informatics) website does a great job in introducing evidence-based public health. For more information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Online Course: Public Health Emergency Training (PHET)

The University of Minnesota School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness announces the launch of the Public Health Emergency Training modules (UM PHET). UM PHET is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness. Each UM PHET module contributes to the development of a subset of the Bioterrorism/Emergency Readiness Competencies created by Columbia University and the CDC. These modules are free of charge. New modules are posted regularly, please visit the website on the regular basis. For more information [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Pacific EMPRINTS

Pacific EMPRINTS offers free online courses for healthcare professionals. For more information please

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Public Health Reports Archives to 1878 Now Available on PubMed Central

The Journal, which dates back to 1878, is believed to be the oldest continuously published journal dedicated to public health in the country. The availability of the archives will provide an important resource to the public health community.

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Webcasts / Podcasts

PPHTC Podcasts Now Available

PPHTC PPHTC podcasts are available for online listening or for downloading to your MP3 player (e.g. iPod). New Podcasts include Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases, Preparing for Disasters and Emergencies and Improving Cultural Competence in Public Health.

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Public Health Training Network (PHTN) Web Cast Series

Upcoming Public Health Training Network (PHTN) distance learning opportunities sponsored by CDC and other PHTN partners are available. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

West Virginia University Office for Public Health Practice

The Department of Community Medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine presents Public Health Grand Rounds on the third Wednesday of each month. The purpose of the grand rounds is to offer all faculty and students an opportunity to hear national public health leaders, faculty from Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and guests from state and local health departments.

Podcasts of current and past Grand Rounds can be found on the website. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

An Interactive Tool to Explore Data from the National Healthcare Disparities Report

(NHDR)

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services now offers an interactive tool to explore Data from the National Healthcare Disparities Report. NHDRnet can be used to access data for quality of health care, access to health care, or for priority populations; display estimates based on race, ethnicity, income, or education and access and download individual tables from the NHDR Tables Appendix. For access to the Database please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Alabama Public Health Training Network (PHTN) Webcasts

Alabama Department of Public Health offers a variety of continuing education satellite conferences and live webcasts for the PHTN and the national public health workforce. Please visit the website for the latest Webcasts schedule. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Public Health Reports "Meet the Author! Web Casts"

On Monday, February 4, David Michaels, PhD, MPH, presented on "Beryllium: Why do OSHA Standards Remain in the Same, Even When the Science Changes?" Dr. Michaels is a Research Professor and the Acting Chairman of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. For more information about upcoming web casts, please click on the "Upcoming" link located on the left. Archives of previous web casts can be found in the "Archives" section. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) VideoCasting

National Institutes of Health offers variety of topics on webcast. For information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Certificates

Certificate in Emergency Preparedness and Response, Loma Linda University School of Public Health

Loma Linda University's Center for Public Health Preparedness has developed an Emergency Preparedness Graduate Certificate in partnership with the LLU School of Public Health's Global Health department. This is a practical, skills based certificate designed to prepare graduates to serve as preparedness coordinators and liaisons at county and local NGO levels. For more information, please call Dr. Ron Mataya at 909.558.4902

Certificate in Maternal and Child Health, University of Hawaii

The mission of the MCH Program is to improve the maternal and child health public health system by broadening the base of MCH leadership. For more information [READ ONLINE >>](#)

Internship Opportunities

Public Health Education & Training

The Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) is a three year, on-the-job national service and training program offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for master's level health professionals. The program focuses on public health program management and provides prevention specialists with experience in program planning, implementation, and evaluation through specialized hands-on training and mentorship at CDC and state and local health agencies. For more information [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

ASPH/NHTSA Injury Prevention and Traffic Safety Public Health Internship Program

A unique collaboration between the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is giving students/graduates of ASPH accredited schools of public health the knowledge to enhance their training in injury prevention and traffic safety. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

RESOURCES

Indian Health Services Environmental Health Support Center

The Environmental Health Support Center sponsors training courses on a wide variety of subjects related to the programs of the Indian Health Service's Office of Environmental Health and Engineering. Courses are advertised on a monthly basis by the IHS Area Training Coordinators. For more information visit the Environmental Health Support Center public Web site at www.opheng.ihs.gov

Community-Engaged Scholarship Toolkit for Health Professionals

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health has released the Community-Engaged Scholarship Toolkit, an online resource aimed at providing health professional faculty with a set of tools to carefully plan for and document their community-engaged scholarship and produce strong portfolios for promotion and tenure. The toolkit offers guidance, resources and successful examples of portfolio materials from faculty who have been promoted based on their community-engaged scholarship. The toolkit is available [ONLINE >>](#)

RESOURCES

Preventing Chronic Disease - Public Health Research, Practice, and Policy

Access the latest issue of Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) at www.cdc.gov/pcd where you will find downloadable articles and information on PCD.

Health United States, 2007

The National Center for Health Statistics, Health United States, 2007, chartbook is now accessible [ONLINE >>](#)

Disaster University-Santa Clara County(CA) Public Health Department

Santa Clara County Department of Public Health, Disaster University, offers opportunities to learn and practice response to public health emergencies and disasters. For more information on the courses offered please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Association of Schools of Public Health "Funding for Faculty"

ASPH has a great website with funding from both public and private sector that is regularly updated.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality – Advancing Excellence in Health Care

The website announced by the HHS Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is a national "one-stop" portal for resources for improving patient safety and preventing medical errors. The site, AHRQ's Patient Safety Network, or PSNet, can be accessed [ONLINE >>](#)

Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce

This collaboration of U.S. government agencies, public health organizations and health science libraries works together to help the public health workforce find and use information effectively to improve and protect the public's health. For access to the resource please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

COMMENTS?

Send all queries and suggestions about the PPHTC newsletter to newsletter@pphtc.org

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