



Reproductive Health and the Environment in Los Angeles County

Communities, Science, and Policy

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Black Women for Wellness

Black Women for Wellness is a non-profit organization that commits to the healing, educating, and supporting of black women. It participates with local, state, and national advisory committees for inclusion of concerns of black women with policy, resource distribution and decision making. It provides information and education in cervical and breast cancer as well as HIV/AIDS prevention. It is involved in presentations, workshops, and training with local to international groups, agencies, and organizations in health and well being of black women.

Black Women for Wellness
 P.O. Box 292516
 Los Angeles, CA 90029
 Phone: (323) 290-5955
 Website: www.bwwla.org

Esperanza Community Housing

Esperanza Community Housing Corporation works to achieve comprehensive and long-term community development in the Figueroa Corridor neighborhood of South-Central Los Angeles. Community residents of all ages and ethnicities are the foundation of Esperanza's grassroots work. Esperanza seeks to create opportunities for community residents' growth, security, participation, recognition, and ownership through developing and preserving affordable housing, promoting accessible health care, stimulating involvement in arts and culture, ensuring quality education, pursuing economic development, and advocating for progressive public policy. Through partnerships with churches, schools, block clubs and other community institutions, Esperanza helps to strengthen the social infrastructure of the neighborhood. In all of our actions, Esperanza strives always to build hope with community.

Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
 3655 South Grand Avenue Suite 280
 Los Angeles, California 90007
 Website: <http://www.esperanzacommunityhousing.org/>

Iris Cantor - UCLA Women's Health Education & Research Center (WHERC)

The mission of WHERC is to address the social determinants of women's health through education, advocacy, research and community engagement in order to move women towards optimal health and self-sufficiency. WHERC provides comprehensive, exemplary health education programs to educate and motivate women to adopt positive health behaviors. The Iris Cantor - UCLA Women's Health Center is recognized as a model for women's health care, uniting research, clinical care, medical training, public health education, and the promotion of women professionals around a common mission-to improve the health of diverse women across the life span.

Iris Cantor - UCLA Women's Health Education & Research Center
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Website: www.womenshealth.ucla.edu

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health

The Office of Women's Health (OWH) was established in 1998 to improve health equity, well-being, health outcomes, and access to culturally responsive, comprehensive health services for women in Los Angeles County through county and community collaborations, education, and the promotion of evidence-based programs and policies. The OWH collaborates with community partners on issues affecting women's health, publishes data reports on the health of LA County women, implements programs/campaigns to improve health outcomes, and provides appointments, referrals, information and education for low income women who call OWH's seven language hotline.

Office of Women's Health
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Alhambra, CA 91803
Phone: (626) 293-2624
Website: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/owh/

Physicians for Social Responsibility - LA

PSR-LA was founded in 1980 as a local affiliate of the national organization, Physicians for Social Responsibility. PSR-LA is a physician and health advocate membership organization working to protect public health from nuclear threats and environmental toxins. Representing over 5,000 physicians, health professionals, and concerned residents in Southern California, we inform the medical community and policymakers about toxic threats, promote safer practices, and strengthen local community organizations to engage in meaningful public health and environmental advocacy. PSR-LA has grown to be the largest chapter in the nation and has played a leading role in national, state, and local education and policy efforts.

Physicians for Social Responsibility-LA
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Website: www.psr-la.org

University of California, Los Angeles - Center for the Study of Women

The UCLA Center for the Study of Women is an internationally recognized center for research on gender, sexuality, and women's issues and the first organized research unit of its kind in the University of California system. Its mission is to develop and foster research, to facilitate productive scholarly relationships, and to aid recruitment and retention efforts. Established in 1984, it draws on the expertise of more than two hundred members from thirty-four departments and ten UCLA professional schools. CSW administers research grants for faculty and students; organizes research projects, conferences, seminars, and public lectures; and publishes newsletters and blogs that features research, conference reports, faculty profiles, and announcements.

UCLA Center for the Study of Women
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Additional Co-Sponsors

California Black Women's Health Project

California Black Women's Health Project was founded in 1994 focusing on empowering black women to take personal responsibility for their own health and to be advocates for change in policies that affect black women's health status. They embrace many diverse issues, including health promotion and disease management with the collaboration of the UCLA Self-Help Center to provide self-help health education resources and policy advocacy assistance for black women across the state.

California Black Women's Health Project
101 N. LaBrea Suite-610
Inglewood, Ca 90301
Phone: (310) 412-1828
Website: www.cabwhp.org

California Latinas for Reproductive Justice

California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ) is a statewide policy and advocacy organization whose mission is to advance California Latinas' reproductive health and rights within a social justice and human rights framework. CLRJ works to ensure that policy developments reflect Latinas' priority needs, as well as those of their families and their communities.

California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
Post Office Box 412225
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Website: www.californialatinas.org/

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

The California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN) is a multicultural health policy organization working to improve the health of communities of color in California. Founded in 1992, CPEHN's mission is to eliminate health disparities by advocating for public policies and sufficient resources to address the health needs of communities of color.

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
1221 Preservation Park Way, Suite 200
Oakland, CA 94612
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Website: www.cpehn.org

Dignity Health-California Hospital Medical Center

Dignity Health California Hospital Medical Center is a 318-bed community hospital located in downtown Los Angeles that has served the community for 128 years. The hospital offers a full-continuum of acute care services including obstetrics, cardiac care, and orthopedics. California Hospital also operates the busiest private Trauma Center in Los Angeles County with the newest cardiac catheterization lab in downtown L.A. In addition, the Los Angeles Center for Women's Health is located on the hospital campus and provides a variety of high quality outpatient services for women in a warm, nurturing environment. Major programs and services also offered include stroke care, neonatal intensive care, surgical services, critical care, pediatrics, skilled nursing and subacute care.

Dignity Health- California Hospital Medical Center
1401 S. Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90015
Phone: (213) 748-2411
Website: www.chmcla.org

Instituto de Educacion Popular del Sur de California (IDEPSCA)

Instituto de Educacion Popular del Sur de California was established in 1984 by a group of parents and students in order to confront racism, educational inequalities, and the lack of affordable housing. Today the organization's main goals include organizing and educating low-income community members who want to resolve problems in their own communities. Community programs developed by IDEPSCA address issues such as human and immigration rights, education and youth, and economic development.

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Website: www.idepsca.org

Los Angeles Coalition for Reproductive Justice

The Los Angeles Coalition for Reproductive Justice (LACRJ) is a coalition of over 20 social justice and health organizations collaborating to enhance reproductive health, rights, and justice in Los Angeles. The Coalition has a long history of engaging the community to promote reproductive health for the most underserved. LACRJ leverages the expertise of our member base, both statewide and local, to enhance the leadership of reproductive justice organizations and promote reproductive justice strategies. In turn, these community leaders leverage their partnerships and resources to seek parity in decision-making, funding and resource distribution for reproductive health programs and legislation.

Website: <http://lacri.org/>

Maternal Child Health Access

Maternal and Child Health Access (MCHA) improves the health of low income women and families through advocacy, education, training and direct services. MCHA provides information, support, and technical assistance to health and social service organizations, assists individual women to achieve healthy pregnancies and obtain quality health care for themselves and their children, and educates policymakers and the general public to improve the health and social services systems for all low income women and families and to benefit the entire community. MCHA has worked in Los Angeles since 1996 on health issues that have statewide and national impact.

Maternal and Child Health Access
1111 W 6th St #400
Los Angeles, CA 90017
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Website: www.mchaccess.org

Physicians for Social Responsibility- San Francisco

Guided by the expertise of medicine and public health, SF Bay Area Physicians for Social Responsibility works to protect human life from the gravest threats to health and survival. Consequently, we promote public policies that protect human health from the threats of nuclear war and other weapons of mass destruction, global environmental degradation, the epidemic of gun violence, and other social injustices in our society today.

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Website: www.sfbaypsr.org

SAJE (Strategic Actions for a Just Economy)

SAJE is a 501c3 non-profit organization in South Los Angeles. Since 1996 SAJE has been a force for economic justice in our community focusing on tenant rights, healthy housing, and equitable development. SAJE has taken many notorious slumlords to court, has established a land trust, and helped implement innovative popular education programs. We run a regular tenant clinic, help connect local residents to jobs, and fight for community benefits regarding future development through private agreements and public policies. We believe that the fate of city neighborhoods should be decided by those who dwell there, and we convene with other organizations to ensure this occurs in a manner that is fair, replicable, and sustainable.

SAJE

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Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Website: <http://www.saje.net/>

Southern California Environmental Health Sciences Center

The Environmental Health Centers at USC are a group of researchers looking at ways that pollution and toxic exposures in the environment affect health. Our most recently funded center, the Maternal and Developmental Risks from Environmental and Social Stressors (MADRES) is studying pregnant women and their infants over time in low-income, urban minority communities in Los Angeles that have both high obesity rates and wide-ranging exposure to environmental pollutants. The research team is in the process of recruiting 750 mother-infant pairs from prenatal clinics at LAC+USC Medical Center and Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center. Alongside the research team, the community engagement team will work closely with community-based organizations to understand the environmental concerns of mothers, share scientific information with local families and conduct workshops on decreasing exposure to environmental toxins.

University of Southern California

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University of California, San Francisco- Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment

PRHE's mission is to create a healthier environment for human reproduction and development through advancing scientific inquiry, clinical care and health policies that prevent exposures to harmful chemicals in our environment. PRHE is housed within the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, in the UCSF School of Medicine, one of the nation's most prestigious medical schools. The Department is renowned for promoting cutting-edge reproductive science research, extending the frontiers of multidisciplinary women's health care and professional education, advocating for women's health at local, state and national levels, and engaging community involvement. PRHE is also a core program of the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health, which is dedicated to transforming health and improving the lives of women and girls through multidisciplinary and collaborative programs of research, clinical care, training, leadership development and community engagement.

University of California-San Francisco - Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment

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UCSF Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences

Our mission is to improve the lives and health of all women through excellence, innovation and leadership in patient care, scientific discovery, education, and advocacy. We are committed to providing quality health care services; educating health care providers and investigators; and conducting research to advance knowledge in our field. Please take a look at some of our important and innovative work.

Website: <https://obgyn.ucsf.edu/>

Vision y Compromiso

Established in 2000, Visión y Compromiso (VyC) is a nationally respected organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of underrepresented communities. Today, we are the only organization in California providing comprehensive and ongoing leadership development, capacity building, advocacy training, and support to over 4,000 Promotores and Community Health Workers. Highly trained community experts and trusted members of their communities, promotores are characterized by servicio de corazon (service from the heart). They educate, empower and advocate for community change in linguistically and culturally sensitive and responsive ways sharing a desire to improve their communities so that all families may know a better way of life. Our Network of Promotoras and Community Health Workers provides the guidance and direction for our organization resulting in innovative programs and policies that respond to the needs of Promotores and the communities they represent. VyC unites promotores and the organizations they represent as one voice behind a vision of a life with dignity and health for all.

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