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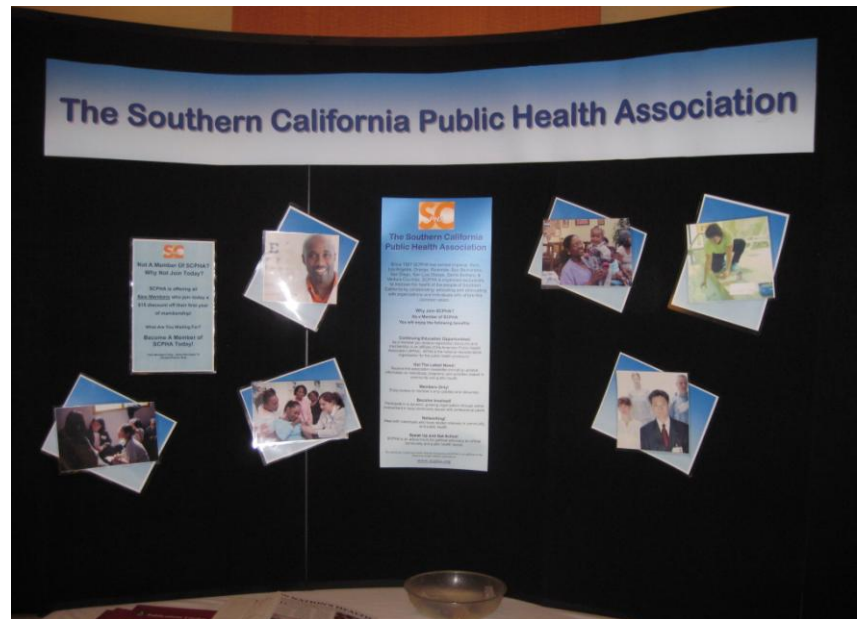
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Want to Become More Involved with SCPHA? Join a Section!

Looking for a way to become more involved with the Southern California Public Health Association? Become a part of one of our SCPHA Sections! As a member of a Section you can help to plan continuing education events, contribute to the SCPHA bi-monthly eNewsletter, and promote others in your profession to become members of SCPHA. We are currently forming sections in Nursing, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, and Health Promotion/Health Education. If you would like to join one of our existing sections, or would like to suggest a new one, please contact info@scpha.org.

For additional information about SCPHA visit www.scpa.org

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The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation wants to hear from YOU!

In anticipation of the 2011 release of the *County Health Rankings*, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation wants to hear from you about how communities can help all individuals lead healthier lives.

Share your ideas on how, using the *County Health Rankings* as a catalyst, communities can become healthier places to live, learn, work and play. RWJF wants to know how you think communities (neighborhoods, counties, towns, cities, regions, states or tribes) can use the *Rankings* to start, expand or renew efforts to address the social, economic, environmental and behavioral factors that affect health.

For example, describe how communities can engage and mobilize all sectors -- government, business, education, faith, health care and others -- to address these factors. What motivates communities to take these steps, and what types of tools, training and assistance do you think communities need to mobilize action to improve health outcomes?

They are interested in a broad range of ideas around how to incentivize and support action to improve health outcomes and the *County Health Rankings* are an important catalyst in driving that action. Please make sure that you focus your comments on action-related ideas and strategies and not suggestions on how to improve or change the *Rankings* themselves.

To share your thoughts with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation please visit: <http://chrideas.ideascale.com>

AskCHIS Community Workshops

Learn how to use AskCHIS, the easy-to-use, free, online web tool that enables you to search for county, regional or statewide health statistics. This no-cost, on-day workshop will provide participants with the skills to formulate data questions, build queries, graph and export data and interpret their results. The training will focus on specific local area issues including child safety and youth health issues. Participants will also have the opportunity to develop queries and search for data related to their own interests. The training will take place on August 18 from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at the Charles R. Drew University in Los Angeles. For more information and to register please visit: <http://surveymonkey.com/s/C9CLHKG>.

Not able to attend the training in person? No problem! The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research is also offering new AskCHIS online trainings. Now you can learn how to use AskCHIS without having to leave home. The next online training is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and will focus on Healthy Living (Obesity, Nutrition and Fitness). Space is limited so please visit <http://surveymonkey.com/s/GLDZQTH> for more information and to register for this training.

Attention Students and Faculty - Reduced Membership Rates to join SCPHA!

The Southern California Public Health Association (SCPHA) has lowered membership rates for students to only **\$10.00!**

Not a member yet? Now is the perfect time to join and take advantage of the reduced rates and all that SCPHA has to offer.

Since 1927 SCPHA has served Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, & Ventura Counties. SCPHA is organized exclusively to improve the health of the people of Southern California by collaborating, educating and advocating with organizations and individuals who share this common vision.

Becoming a member of SCPHA provides you with the following benefits:

- Continuing Education Opportunities! As a member you receive registration discounts and membership in an affiliate of the American Public Health Association (APHA). APHA is the national representative organization for the public health profession.
- Get The Latest News! Receive the association newsletter providing updated information on individuals, programs, and activities related to community and public health.
- Become Involved! Participate in a dynamic, growing organization through active involvement in local community issues with professional peers.
- Networking! Meet with individuals who have related interests in community and public health.
- Speak Up and Get Active! SCPHA is an active forum for political advocacy on critical community and public health issues

For more information or to join SCPHA please visit www.scpa.org or contact info@scpha.org

Save the Date: The American Public Health Association's 138th Annual Meeting and Exposition!

Please join your colleagues for the APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition taking place November 6-10, 2010 in at the Denver Colorado Convention Center. This year's theme is Social Justice: A Public Health Imperative. Attendees will have the opportunity to choose from more than 1,000 scientific sessions, 700 booths and explore all of the products, services and career options at the Public Health CareerMart. Housing and registration for the conference are now open! For more information, or to register, please visit www.apah.org/meetings

Meetings, Training and Continuing Education

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Save the Date – Upcoming Events

- **Seventh Annual Substance Abuse and Mental Health Training and Educational Symposium.** September 16, 2010 at the Los Angeles Public Library, Central Library-Taper Auditorium, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles. Cost \$75 (includes breakfast, lunch and symposium materials). The pre-registration fee (checks should be made payable to COMP) is \$75.00. Please mail your completed registration form and check payment no later than September 1, 2010 to: UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs Attention: Grant Hovik 1640 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, Suite 320
- **Behavioral Health Issues and Therapies: Stayin’ Alive with Meds, Music, Art and Animals Symposium.** September 22, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza, 12021 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove from 8:00 am – 3:45pm. Registration fees \$75.00 (by 9/9) \$85.00 (after 9/9). For more information or to register please visit www.kpsymposia.com
- **The Impact Project’s “Moving Forward Together” Conference. October 22-23, 2010.** Learn new skills, gain information, network, build energy and create strategies around the issues of goods movement, international trade, and air pollution and its health effects. For more information please visit: www.theimpactproject.org or contact info@theimpactproject.org
- 11th Annual UCLA Cancer Prevention and Control Symposium. Controversies in Cancer Research: Translating the Science into community practice to improve health equity. October 27, 2010 at the California Science Center, 700 Exposition Park Drive, Los Angeles. For more information please contact Roena Vega at 310-206-3524 or roena.vega@ucla.edu
- **American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Exposition. Social Justice: *Public Health Imperative*.** November 6-10, 2010 in Denver, Co. For more information please visit www.apha.org

Contribute an Article for Future Newsletter Editions or share information about public health related news and upcoming events in your area!

Would you like to submit an article or have information about public health related news and/or upcoming events included in future newsletters? To share information, please Email Lara Turnbull at lara.turnbull@longbeach.gov Please put “... for SCPHA newsletter” in the subject line.

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