

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Masquerade on the Mall on Friday, April 23rd:** Whitman-Walker Clinic will hold its 17th annual spring gala from 6:30 – 11pm at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium (1301 Constitution Avenue NW). The HIV advocate and "Project Runway" alumnus Jack Mackenroth will emcee the black tie event. Mackenroth is a fashion designer, model, actor, and swimmer. Passionate about helping people living with HIV stay positive about their lives, Jack has partnered with Merck & Co. on an educational HIV campaign called [Living Positive By Design](#). Through this campaign, Jack is sharing his perspective as someone who has lived with HIV for over 20 years. Tickets are available at \$1,000, \$500, and \$350 levels and may be purchased online or by calling (202) 797-3543. All proceeds will benefit HIV/AIDS services at Whitman-Walker Clinic. [Donate](#) online or by calling (202) 797-3520.
- **Community Autism Awareness Day on Saturday, April 24th:** Family Voices of the District of Columbia invites your family to join in for free speech and language screening, physical therapy screening, behavior play screening, occupational therapy screening, and free community resources. The event will be held from 9:30 – 1:30pm at Walker Jones Education Center (1125 New Jersey Avenue, NE – Early Stages Center, 3rd floor). For more information, please see the attached flier or call 202-373-5564.
- **Department of Mental Health FY11 Budget Hearing on Monday, April 26th:** The Committee on Health's DMH budget hearing will begin at 10am in Room 412. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for a panel of witnesses. Those wishing to testify should call or email jbarry@dccouncil.us not later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Witnesses shall bring 15 copies of their statement to the hearing. Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m. on May 3, 2010.
- **Department of Health Care Finance Managed Care Community Forum on Monday, April 26th:** This event is for Medicaid and DC HealthCare Alliance members, providers, community advocates, and DC agencies. Come out to discuss your questions and concerns. All four managed care plans -- DC Chartered Health Plan, Health Right, Health Services for Children with Special Needs, and Unison -- will be there. The event will be at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (901 G Street NW, Room A5). For more info, contact Tanya Ehrmann at (202) 442-5931. Download a PDF-version of the [flier](#).
- **HIV/AIDS Surveillance in the District Event on Tuesday, April 27th:** This event will be from 1 – 3pm at Ross Hall of the George Washington University (2300 I Street NW, Room 229). Participants will be able to: (1) Describe and interpret highlights from DC's Annual Epidemiology Report on HIV/AIDS; and (2) Discuss solutions and recommendations to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the District. FREE workshop presented by Tiffany West Ojo, MPH, MSPH, DC DOH. Co-sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Public Health Training Center, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and the Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association. Registration is required. Register online at www.jhsph.edu/maphtc – Click on "Training and Events" and "Event Calendars." **First timers need to register AND choose the program.** For more info, e-mail maphtc@hotmail.com. For questions about registration, e-mail maphtc@jhsph.edu or call (443) 287-7833.
- **Healthy People, Healthy Places Webinar on Tuesday, April 27th:** In this webinar (just the first in a series), panelists will delve into what it means to create healthy community environments using policy. Specific examples will be provided. For questions about the series, please see the attached flier or contact Shireen Malekafzali, Shireen@policylink.org.
- **Department of Health Care Finance FY11 Budget Hearing on Thursday, April 29th:** The Committee on Health's DOH budget hearing will begin at 10am in the Council Chamber. Testimony may be limited to 3 minutes per witness and 5 minutes for a panel of witnesses. Those wishing to testify should call or email jbarry@dccouncil.us not later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. Witnesses shall bring 15 copies of their statement to the hearing. Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia

Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m. on May 6, 2010.

- **Free Lupus Support Groups on Thursday, April 29th:** Sponsored by the Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Washington Chapter, these support groups will be held at 6:30pm at Washington Hospital Center's Cancer Center (101 Irving Street NW, Siegel Auditorium). For more information, [visit this site](#).
- **15th Annual Symposium for Lupus Patients and Families on Saturday, May 1st:** Sponsored by the Lupus Foundation of America's [Greater Washington Chapter](#), the free symposium was created for the 75,000+ Washington-area patients with lupus. The event will be from 9:30am – 1pm at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW). For more information or to register, please visit [this site](#).
- **Low Vision Resource Fair for Children and Adults on Saturday, May 1st:** Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind will host this event from 10 – 1pm in the atrium of the James J. McCoart Building (1 County Complex Court, Woodbridge, VA). Win door prizes and meet with representatives from organizations who offer resources to assist those with vision loss to regain their independence.
- **School Food 101 Webinar on Wednesday, May 5th:** CS Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at Michigan State University is organizing this webinar from 3 – 4:30pm about the Cost of School Lunch and Understanding USDA Foods. [Click here to register](#). For more information, please see the flier below.
- **Take a Step to prevent Teen Pregnancy Walk and Rally on Saturday, May 8th:** In observance of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, the DC Campaign to End Teen Pregnancy will host this walk and rally that will begin at 10am at Samuel Gomper's Park (11th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW). The walk will be led by DC Campaign Youth Leadership Task Force members as well as Anwon "Big G" Glover from the hit HBO series *The Wire*. The event will include community leaders, local celebrities, and concerned citizens. Click [here](#) to register now.
- **Healing with Basketball on Saturday, May 15th:** The GW Cancer Institute will offer this free, ongoing exercise program for the long-term recovery and rehabilitation of breast cancer survivors. The program is led by a team of a licensed clinical social worker and a personal certified trainer and basketball coach, providing a structured workout for women at all levels of physical ability. For more info, visit [Healing With Basketball](#), or call Amina GilyardGWCI education specialist, at (202) 994-3972. The program is from 1 – 3pm at the GWU Mount Vernon Campus Lloyd Gym.
- **DC CYSHCN Symposium on Wednesday, May 19th:** This 1-day meeting will convene key stakeholders to 1) introduce the key issues affecting Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and their families and develop strategies to address the identified issues; 2) introduce the DC DOH CYSHCN state plan and solicit input from stakeholders in the development of the state plan; 3) provide small groups work sessions to provide feedback and develop action plans for DC related to key issues; and 4) provide an opportunity for participants to begin to coalesce into ongoing working groups related to developing an integrated health care system; transitioning to adulthood; and access to adequate health insurance. See the attached flier for more information. For questions, contact twana.dinnall@dc.gov or 202-724-7667.
- **Mental Health America's Annual Conference June 9 – 12th:** The theme of this year's conference is "Get Connected: Social Inclusion in Wellness and Recovery". For more information, visit [The Recovery Group](#).
- **HSC Annual Health Fair on Saturday, June 14th:** From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., The HSC Pediatric Center located at 1731 Bunker Hill Rd NE, Washington DC 20017 will be hosting its annual June Fair in Michigan Park (1731 Bunker Hill Rd, NE). The Fair's activities include music, health screenings, live entertainment, food and treats, rides and games, a silent auction, and much more. For more information, please see the flier below.

- **Solution-Focused Brief Therapy training June 29 – July 2nd:** This training features leading thinkers and practitioners in the field who will guide attendees through a number of workshops designed to build skills and confidence in this effective approach to working with families. Those who should attend this event include social workers; school-based counselors, parent coordinators, and teachers; social service agency personnel; professionals in mediation and restorative justice; juvenile justice and criminal justice system professionals; outreach and engagement staff; therapists and psychologists; law enforcement; and youth/gang violence prevention and intervention staff. The training is sponsored by the Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative. For more information or to register, please visit www.chsfsc.org.
- **NAMI Conference June 30 – July 3rd:** The National Alliance of Mental Illness is sponsoring a four-day event, “Recovery and Reform: The Road from Here”. For more information, visit [The Recovery Group](#).
- **Mountain Meadow Summer Camp for Youth this summer:** Based in Philadelphia, Mountain Meadow offers summer camp and other programs for youth who are LGBTQ or in LGBTQ or other non-traditional families. Learn more about their programs [here](#).

FAMILY VOICES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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COMMUNITY AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Saturday, April 24, 2010

9:30am-1:30pm

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Healthy Places

**The Convergence Partnership
Healthy People Healthy Places Webinar Series
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Dear [[First name]],

Where people live, work, and play affects their health. The systems that shape communities—from how food is grown, processed, distributed and sold, to whether neighborhoods are built with sidewalks or parks to transportation systems—can all affect health. Some communities' systems are broken and so don't allow residents to lead healthy lives and prosper. Changing that will require collaboration from an informed, passionate, fair-minded group working across multiple fields.

That is why we created this webinar series. In it, we offer examples, information, tools, and connections with those creating healthy places through multi-field, equity focused environmental policy change.



All calls are on Tuesdays, 11:00-12:00pm PST (1:00 – 2:00pm CST; 2:00-3:00 EST)

- **April 27 – Healthy People, Healthy Places: How to Implement Environmental and Policy Change Strategies.** In this webinar, panelists will delve into what it means to create healthy community environments using policy. Specific examples will be provided.
- **May 25 – Successful Partnerships: Strategies for Multi-field and Cross-Sector Collaborations.** This session explores how to partner across a broad spectrum of fields from health to urban planning, transportation, food and sustainable agriculture, and community/economic development to build thriving communities.
- **June 29 – A Path from Hope to Change: Implementing Equity-focused Principles and Strategies.** It's critical to focus on low-income people and communities of color whose environments often do not allow for healthy choices. In this session, participants will learn how equity-based strategies and principles can form the basis of environmental policy change.
- **July 27 – Talking about Healthy People in Healthy Places: Linking Values to Policy and Environmental Change.** For most people in the U.S., the starting point for change of any kind is the individual. But when audiences are reminded early in the communication of the influence environments have on health, they are receptive to messages about policies that can change those environments. Panelists will discuss language and techniques that can help participants link environmental conditions to policy change.
- **Sept. 21 – The Art and Science of Evaluation: Sound Methods for Assessing Policy and Environmental Change.** How do we know if our change strategies are working? Evaluation is a critical component of any effort that seeks long-term sustainable change. In this webinar,

panelists will discuss key questions for measuring success in community environments.

Watch for email blasts for detailed descriptions of each webinar and announcements about future speakers. You'll receive a reminder and webinar instructions closer to the date of each call.



For questions about the series, please contact Shireen Malekafzali, Shireen@policylink.org.

**The Convergence Partnership is a collaboration of funders compelled by the knowledge that where people live affects their health. The Convergence Partnership is committed to supporting multifield, equity-focused efforts to improve communities so everyone can be healthy. The partnership's steering committee includes The California Endowment, Kaiser Permanente, the Kresge Foundation, Nemours, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) serving as a technical advisor.*

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Transforming Food Options for Children in Urban Schools

Announcing: School Food 101 Webinar

The Cost of School Lunch and *Understanding USDA Foods*

Date: May 5, 2010

Time: 3:00-4:30 PM ET

Organizer: CS Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at Michigan State University (MSU)



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School food is a hot topic of late. From the [Child Nutrition Act](#) reauthorization currently being debated in Congress, to First Lady Michelle Obama's "[Let's Move!](#)" initiative on childhood obesity, to celebrity chef Jamie Oliver's "Food Revolution" TV program taking aim at eating habits, the health of our children is front and center. Parents, local officials, community partners, and others want to know how to help improve our kids' meals -- and have basic questions about how the complex universe of school food really works:

- Who makes the decisions about what our children eat?
- What foods do school food service professionals have to work with, and why?
- What national, state and local policies play a role?

School Food FOCUS is tackling these questions with **School Food 101**, a series of briefs that will describe the operating realities of food service in the nation's largest school districts. The idea for this project emerged from FOCUS school food service professionals, who expressed the need for succinct and straightforward ways to talk about the complexities of their world with an increasingly interested and involved lay audience. These materials will explain school food for a wide spectrum of audiences, including parents, teachers, legislators, and members of the media.

The first two pieces, *The Cost of School Lunch* and *Understanding USDA Foods*, have been developed in collaboration with the CS Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at MSU.

We are launching this series with an introductory webinar about the purpose and plans for School Food 101, as well as the critical issues addressed in the first two briefs.

- **Laura Stanley**, Special Projects Coordinator, School Food FOCUS, will introduce School Food 101;
- **Kymm Mutch**, Administrator of School Nutrition Services at Milwaukee Public Schools, will talk about the real cost of school lunch; and
- **Cathie McCullough**, Director of the Food Distribution Division of the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), will talk about USDA commodities as they relate to a range of school meal programs.

If you would like to attend, [please register here](#) by May 3, 2010.

School Food FOCUS is a national initiative that helps large school districts (with 40,000 or more students) procure more healthful, more sustainably produced and regionally sourced food, so that children may perform better in school and be healthier in life. www.schoolfoodfocus.org

The CS Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at Michigan State University works at a national level to support the development of healthy communities and sustainable, locally-integrated food systems by engaging communities in applied research and outreach. foodsystems.msu.edu



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