



News Flash...

Planned Parenthood Federation of America Announces Seasoned Leader and Advocate Cecile Richards Will Be Organization's Next President

NEW YORK CITY — Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), the nation's leading advocate and provider of reproductive health care, announced today the appointment of national leader Cecile Richards as its next president. Ms. Richards is one of the nation's most prominent activist leaders and will join Planned Parenthood in mid-February after more than 20 years at the helm of social justice movements.

"Planned Parenthood has recruited an experienced, proven leader who has the vision and skill to lead Planned Parenthood during a period of both opportunity and challenge," PPFA Chair Esperanza Garcia Walters said.

"It is a great honor to assume the leadership of an organization that stands for the very freedoms embraced by the majority of Americans; the ability to decide when and whether to have children; and the importance of privacy, safety and access to health care," Ms. Richards said. "I look forward to working with Planned Parenthood affiliates, staff and partners to realize the dream of access to reproductive health care for all."

Ms. Richards has a long history of work in the reproductive rights community. She created and directed the Turner Foundation's national pro-choice project and has served on the boards of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and NARAL Pro-Choice America. Ms. Richards also served as deputy chief of staff to Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, founded the Texas Freedom Network to counter the influence of the radical right wing, and worked on the campaign of her mother, former Texas Governor Ann Richards.

The announcement that Ms. Richards will head the organization received praise from PPFA Interim President Karen Pearl, who said, "Planned Parenthood has chosen a dynamic leader who will be an important voice in advocating for reproductive freedoms around the world."

Founded in 1916 by Margaret Sanger, Planned Parenthood is the world's largest and most trusted voluntary reproductive health care organization, with highly respected domestic and international programs.

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*"Building Bridges
in Women's Health
Policy"*

Report Finds Half of Breast Cancer Causes May Be Environmental

U.S. Women's Lifetime Risk for Breast Cancer Has Nearly Tripled since 1964

SAN FRANCISCO — Women in the United States still have a high risk of breast cancer even if they have no genetic predisposition or other commonly-accepted risk factors for the disease, according to a report released January 24, 2006.

"State of the Evidence 2006: What Is the Connection Between the Environment and Breast Cancer?" reports that as many as 50 percent of breast cancer cases remain unexplained by either genetics or lifestyle factors, such as a woman's age at her first full-term pregnancy or alcohol consumption.

Instead, the report says, "compelling scientific evidence points to some of the 100,000 synthetic chemicals in use today as contributing to the development of breast cancer, either by altering hormone function or gene expression." The report also identifies radiation exposure, such as that from X-rays and CT scans, as the "longest-established environmental cause of breast cancer."

"State of the Evidence 2006," which reviews and analyzes nearly 350 scientific studies on environmental links to breast cancer, was jointly published by two San Francisco-based organizations, the Breast Cancer Fund and Breast Cancer Action. The report was peer-reviewed by leading scientists at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Tufts University School of Medicine, Columbia University and other research institutions.

This is the fourth edition of "State of the Evidence;" the 2006 edition reports findings from more than 46 new studies published during 2004 and 2005.

In 2005, breast cancer was expected to kill more than 40,000 women in the United States—one death every 13 minutes—and more than 410,000 women worldwide. U.S. women now have a one in seven chance of being diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetimes, a risk that has nearly tripled in the past four decades.

"Considerable resources are spent each year to encourage women to make changes in their personal lives that might reduce the risk of breast cancer," said Jeanne Rizzo, executive director of the Breast Cancer Fund. "But many factors that contribute to the disease lie far beyond a woman's personal control and can only be addressed by a revolution in thinking on the parts of government and the private sector."

"This report adds to the compelling evidence that the chemicals we're exposed to in our daily lives are making us sick," said Lisa Wanzor, acting executive director of Breast Cancer Action. "Women living with and at risk for breast cancer need public policies that will put our health first and protect us from exposures to toxic chemicals."

For more information on the study's results and recommendations, go to www.breastcancerfund.org.

It's Time to Join the 2006 Back Up Your Birth Control Campaign!



Through the Back Up Your Birth Control Campaign, activists, advocates, healthcare professionals and others work to promote and raise awareness about Emergency Contraception in the ways they can be most effective - whether in the examination room, on campus, at the pharmacy, or in the statehouse.

This year, from its new home at the Institute for Reproductive Health Access, the Back Up Your Birth Control campaign is getting back to basics, challenging every participant to get the FACTS out far and wide about safe and effective EC. For 2006, BUYBC Co-Sponsors, still have access to the same Rosie materials, as well as new Spanish-Language Materials and a New

Toolkit to help your activists and advocates take our EC Challenge. This year, the Back Up Your Birth Control Day of Activism will take place on **March 21**, when EC activists across the country will take action. Attend a kick-off meeting on February 7th in Washington D.C. or February 8th in New York to learn more about the exciting activities planned for the Day of Activism 2006. Dial-in will be available for advocates across the country during the New York meeting only. Call-in number and final agendas will be sent prior to the meetings.

Washington, DC: February 7th from 11:00am to 12:00pm ET at the Reproductive Health Technologies Project, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 875

New York: February 8th from 3:30pm to 4:30pm ET at the Institute for Reproductive Health Access, 427 Broadway, 3rd Floor (Dial-in Available)

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Is your organization a Back Up Your Birth Control Co-Sponsor? Check out the Co-Sponsor list - <http://backupyourbirthcontrol.org/toolkit/cosponsors.htm> - to find out, and for more information about becoming one.

Please RSVP for the Kick-Off Meetings in D.C. or NY to Christina Tenuta at 212.343.0114.ext 25 or ctenuta@prochoiceny.org.

Questions? Feel free to call or email Destiny Lopez at 415.285.1377 or dlopez@prochoiceny.org.



Announcements

National Older Women's League (OWL) Moves, Hires New Staff

After three years of working in a one room office with three staff, Owl will now be housed in a suite with a small office for each staff member! Our mailing address after January 30th will be:

OWL
3300 N Fairfax Drive
Suite 218
Arlington, VA 22201
Phone: 703-812-7990
Fax: 703-812-0687

Please note: from January 30th to February 6th the OWL office will not have internet access.

In other news OWL has a new staff member! Matt Lockeed is joining the OWL staff as Executive Program Assistant and will be replacing Elizabeth Runkle, who is moving back to the Atlanta area. Matt comes with a wealth of experience in grassroots organizing and campaigns. His email address is mlockeed@owl-national.org



Upcoming Events

The No on Prop. 73 – Campaign for Teen Safety Press Conference February 2, 2006, 10:00 a.m. State Capitol West Steps, Sacramento

The proponents of Prop. 73, the Parental Notification Initiative, have submitted two new initiatives to the Attorney General's office for title and summary and have announced they will begin collecting signatures on these dangerous initiatives in February. The Campaign for Teen Safety will hold a press event to ask the question, "What part of NO don't they understand?" If your organization plans to send a representative, please contact Ana Sandoval at ana.sandoval@ppacca.org or call her at 916.446.5247 x 115.

California National Organization for Women's Open House February 2, 4-6p.m. & February 4, 5-7p.m. Traveller's Building, 428 J Street, Suite #280, Sacramento

Join California NOW for refreshments and hors d'oeuvres and tour the new office! Please RSVP to canow@canow.org or 916-442-3414 ext. 101.

6th Annual Conference for Young Women Affected by Breast Cancer February 24-26, 2006

For more information and to register for the Denver, Co conference, visit www.youngsurvival.org.

Making Connections: A Conference to Assist Those Serving Battered Immigrant Women
February 24, 2006, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Foley Hall, CSUS Campus, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA

Save the Date! Presenters will be attorneys Leslye Orloff and Joanne Lin of Legal Momentum, Washington D.C (Formerly NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund). For more information call 916-428-7378 or info@my-sisters-house.org.



California Women's Health Care Partnership (CWHCP) Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2006
11:00A.M. to 2:00P.M.
Regional Council of Rural Counties
801 12th Street, Sacramento, California

The next meeting of the California Women's Health Care Partnership will be held Thursday, March 9th. The agenda will feature a discussion of Women's Health Introduced/Partner-Sponsored Legislation, a presentation from the California Women's Mental Health Policy Council and training by the Older Women's League on the impact of Medicare Part-D. To RSVP, please email cfnecree@cpca.org by Thursday, March 2nd.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE for the 2006 CWHCP future meeting dates:

- March 9
- May 18
- July 20
- October 19
- December 7

Speak Out For Reproductive Freedom
Sponsored by The California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom
Wednesday March 29, 2006, 9:00 to 4:30
Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, California

- EDUCATE your Legislators
- CAUCUS with Women's Health Advocates from all over California
- PROTECT Women's Health Rights
- LEARN about emerging issues

For more information contact: Jo Ann Madigan (415) 346-0563 or e-mail at jomadigan@earthlink.net.

Adolescent Health Conference on the Health Rights of Teens
May 18 & 19, 2006
Oakland, CA

This conference, coordinated by the California Adolescent Health Collaborative, is for all who work with and support youth. The agenda will include interactive plenary sessions, workshops, discussions, and performances. A Youth Track, coordinated by Health Initiatives for Youth, will offer opportunities for youth to youth interaction.

Cost (before March 30):

\$150 – Adult (Includes conference admission, continental breakfast,
\$50 – Youth lunch and program materials on both days)

Registration site will be launched in early March. Presenters receive a registration discount. You are also invited to submit a presentation proposal to share your ideas.

To download the proposal form and for more information on both the conference itself and the youth track, log on to <http://www.californiateenhealth.org/conference>

Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology
June 2-6, 2006
Atlanta, GA

ASCO holds one of the world's largest scientific cancer meetings in Atlanta, Ga. Let us know if you will be attending or if you can volunteer at Breast Cancer Action's booth, by contacting Brenda Salgado at bsalgado@bcaction.org or 415-243-9301 ext. 14. For more conference information, visit www.asco.org.

First National Conference on Precaution
June 9-11, 2006
Baltimore, MD

Organized by the Center for Health, Environment & Justice, the Baltimore, MD event will bring people together to build a stronger movement to protect our health and environment. For more information contact Anne Rabe of CHEJ at 518-732-4538 or visit www.besafenet.com.

Job Opportunities

CPCA is currently seeking a [Policy Analyst, Women's Health & Workforce](#). This position consists of Policy analysis, advocacy, and technical assistance to member clinics and clinic networks in the area of women's health, workforce development, health provider shortage areas, workforce diversity, Healthy Families and Healthy Kids. The salary is \$40 - 50,000 DOE plus benefits.

To apply: mail cover letter, resume, salary requirements and three professional references to:

CPCA, 1215 K Street, Suite 700, Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX: 916-440-8172
Email: jjohnson@cpca.org

Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus seeks an Executive Director to lead the non-profit organization of 40 full and part time staff and 20 volunteers. The right candidate will provide oversight of a \$1.4 million annual budget and ensure the delivery of services and support to the more than 4,500 women and children supported by Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus annually. For a full job description and how to apply, log-on at www.cpedv.org.

California Women's Law Center is seeking a Bilingual Women's Rights Community Organizer for its reproductive justice work.

Send resume, cover letter, a short writing sample, and a list of three references (with telephone numbers) to:

Bethany Leal, Director, Economic and Reproductive Justice Projects
California Women's Law Center
6300 Wilshire Boulevard, #980
Los Angeles, CA 90048

The Women's Foundation of California has an immediate opening for a Staff Accountant. The staff accountant will report to and work with the Chief Financial Officer. This position will provide back-up support for the CFO and work with the Bookkeeper to perform general accounting and reporting responsibilities for the organization. Applicant must have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance or equivalent education desirable ; 3 - 5 years working as an accountant in a non-profit environment; knowledge of non-profit accounting processes, systems and procedures; solid understanding of generally accepted accounting principles; experience working with integrated non-profit financial software programs (Financial Edge highly desirable); excellent analytical and reconciliation skills; highly proficient with Microsoft office suite; excellent communication skills, both verbal and written; and has the ability to take initiative, be well organized and manage multiple tasks.

Please send resumes and inquiries to:

Loraine Binion, Chief Financial Officer
340 Pine Street #302
San Francisco, CA 94104
Email inquiries to Debi Black, debib@womensfoundca.org
No telephone calls please. The Women's Foundation of California is an equal opportunity employer and supports a diverse work force.

Breast Cancer Action is seeking a full-time Communications Associate to join a staff of eight in a fast-paced but friendly office doing challenging and very rewarding work. For a full job description visit www.bcaction.org.

To apply send cover letter and resume to:
Rebecca Farmer, Communications Officer
Breast Cancer Action, 55 New Montgomery St., #323, San Francisco, CA 94105. Email: rfarmer@bcaction.org.

Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health (PRCH) is currently seeking an Executive Assistant to provide highly organized, efficient administration and logistical support for the Executive Director (ED) and the Board of Directors; manage administrative needs of 22 person office. Log onto www.prch.org for a full job description.

Interested persons should send their resume and a cover letter to:

Email (preferred): ben@prch.org
Fax: (646) 366-1897

Mail:
Ben Prayz, Director of Finance and Human Resources
Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health®
55 West 39th Street, 10th Floor
New York, New York 10018

The Women's Foundation of California (Los Angeles Office) is currently seeking a Program and Administrative Intern to begin immediately and continue through June 2006. The internship requires a minimum of 10 hours/week in our Los Angeles office and provides a monthly stipend of \$400. Tasks include, but are not limited to, general administrative support, research, writing, and possibly also grant review, analysis, and site visits. We are looking for a team-player who is enthusiastic and positive and has excellent verbal and written communication skills. Proficiency in MS Word, Excel and Outlook are also required. Database experience is a plus.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Office and Operations Administrator Chris Lam at christinal@womensfoundca.org.

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum currently has the following positions available: [Deputy Director for Policy & Programs](#), [Policy Analyst](#), [Development Associate](#), and [Community Organizing Program Coordinator](#). Details of each position are available by clicking on the appropriate URLs.

To apply, please send resume, cover letter, and writing sample via USPS, E-mail, or Fax to:

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
ATTN: Human Resources
450 Sutter Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94108
Ph: 415-954-9988
Fax: 415-954-9999
E-Mail: spadua@apiahf.org

Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health (PRCH) is currently seeking a Director of Communications. The position will develop and implement communications strategies that shape public opinion and support and publicize our advocacy and medical education efforts; supervises two and a half staff.

Interested persons should send their resume, cover letter, and three brief but relevant writing samples to:

Email (preferred): crystal@prch.org
Fax: (646) 366-1897

Mail:
Jodi Magee, Executive Director
Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health®
55 West 39th Street, 10th Floor
New York, New York 10018

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center's Breast Health Access for Women with Disabilities (BHAWD) is currently seeking an Education and Outreach Specialist to plan, implement, evaluate education and outreach activities. Will participate in ongoing program development, community outreach involvement including community education, and quality improvement initiatives that increase health access for women with disabilities. Salary commensurate with experience.

Send resume and cover letter to:

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center
Breast Health Access for Women with Disabilities (BHAWD)
Manager – 2001 Dwight Way, #2362, Berkeley, CA 94547
Fax: (510) 204-3176 or email: BarajaM@SutterHealth.org.
No Phone Calls Please. Position is open until filled.

California Women's Health Care Partnership (CWHCP)

1215 K Street, Suite 700
Sacramento, California 95814

Phone: 916.440.8170 ext. 229

Fax: 916.440.8172

E-mail: lmccarthy@cpca.org

California, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, California Family Health Council (CFHC), California Black Women's Health Project, and the Women's Health Collaborative (WHC).



The purpose of the CWHCP is to impact policy in the women's health area in order to promote well-being and eliminate health disparities for women throughout the state by creating linkages among diverse women's health organizations, conducting policy advocacy to improve women's health on a statewide level, and promoting leadership development.