



## News Flash...

### Black Women Living in Low-Income Neighborhoods Less Likely To Regularly Schedule Cervical Cancer Screenings, Study Says

Black women living in low-income neighborhoods are less likely to regularly schedule cervical cancer screenings, according to a study published in the Feb. 1 edition of the journal *Cancer*, *Reuters* reports.

Geetanjali Datta from the Harvard School of Public Health and colleagues looked at the records of about 40,000 black women registered in the Black Women's Health Study (Wallace, *Reuters*, 2/7). Researchers determined the socio-economic status of the participants by looking at each person's occupation and educational attainment along with neighborhood census tracts and the percentage of individuals living in poverty in those neighborhoods.

Researchers then looked at participants' answers to a 1995 BWHS questionnaire that asked, "When was your last Pap smear?" Possible answers were: "Never had one," "Less than one year ago," "One to two years ago," "Three to four years ago" and "Five or more years ago."

At the time of the questionnaire, the 1989 Guide to Clinical Preventive Services recommended cervical cancer screening every one to three years.

Researchers, however, defined regular screening as within the last two years. The study finds that 8.3% of women in the survey had not undergone cervical cancer screening in the last two years.

According to the results, high school or lower education, old age, obesity and smoking are strongly associated with no recent cervical cancer screenings. The study also shows that neighborhoods in which the poverty rate is 20% or higher are associated with low rates in recent cervical cancer screenings.

Datta said, "[T]here might be some benefit in neighborhood-level interventions focusing on high-poverty areas" as well as individual-level interventions". One of Healthy People 2010's goals is to reduce the proportion of black women not scheduling regular cervical cancer screenings from 17% to 10%.

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Feminist Women's Health Center gets a Temporary Restraining Order
- Parental Notification Supporters Prepare for November Ballot Measure
- Soliciting Papers on Health Disparities and Violence Prevention
- OVC Launches Online Calendar of Assistance-Related Events
- Announcements
- Upcoming Events
- Job Opportunities

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

---

## Women's Health Specialists/Feminist Women's Health Center gets a Temporary Restraining Order against Anti-Abortion Protestor

Women's Health Specialists was granted a 100 ft stay away restraining order against James Canfield. Mr. Canfield has been protesting in front of WHS since early 2000, in opposition to abortions performed at the clinic. His behavior has become increasingly disturbing, disruptive and intimidating. He yells and screams at patients and staff while entering or leaving the building. He repeatedly calls the physicians "murderers" and tells them to stop killing babies. On Saturday, February 4, 2006, he directly threatened the life of one of the WHS physicians. As the physician was entering the Women's Health Specialists clinic, Canfield shouted, "Doctor, you are a murderer and you will be shot for it."

The WHS's Temporary Restraining Order was granted today by the Superior Court for the State of California and the County of Butte.

Mr. Canfield must restrain from approaching within 100 feet of 1469 Humboldt Road in Chico, CA and from threatening any doctor, staff member, patient or other person approaching, entering or exiting the property commonly known as Creekside Manor.

"Our assessment is that Mr. Canfield's threat to our doctor is tantamount to a death threat. His threat against our doctor is not "freedom of speech" but anti-abortion terrorism. Making threats to abortion providers is an actionable offense under the Freedom of Access to Clinic and Church Entrances Act (FACE Act), California Penal Code section 423", states Shauna Heckert, Executive Director of the Feminist Women's Health Center (WHS), "We will do everything in our power to protect our staff and clients."

## Parental Notification Supporters Prepare for November Ballot Measure

Supporters of Proposition 73, the parental notification initiative, are circulating a petition to qualify a similar initiative for the November 2006 ballot. Voters rejected Proposition 73 53% to 47% in the November 2005 special election.

Like Proposition 73, the measure would require doctors to notify parents or guardians before performing an abortion on a minor 48 hours before the procedure.

In order to place the measure on the ballot, the group must collect nearly 600,000 signatures by July 3.

## Soliciting Papers on Health Disparities and Violence Prevention

The Family Violence Prevention and Health Practice ejournal invites you to submit brief reports and articles on programs addressing family violence in the health care and public health setting. Our next issue looks at Decreasing Disparities and Violence Prevention. We are soliciting brief reports and feature articles that explore the intersection between efforts to reduce health disparities in health outcomes for poor, minority and other underserved people and violence prevention initiatives. We would like to highlight model programs that are integrating violence prevention into health disparities initiatives and research that explores the differential burden of violence and chronic health problems among adults and children, what contributes to these disparities and what strategies can be used to identify, manage and prevent violence and co-occurring chronic health issues in culturally accessible ways.

To submit a program brief report, please provide an electronic copy of a description of the program including the goals and objectives, services provided, target population(s), funding sources and a synopsis of any data, evaluation, and/or research from the program. If evaluation findings are available for your program, include a description of the evaluation design, outcome measures, and recommendations. Contact information should include name, title, phone number, and e-mail address. Full length articles submitting original data should be organized by standard scientific sections and subheadings as follows: Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion. Reviews and other types of articles where these headings may not be appropriate should use descriptive subheadings.

For further information about submitting manuscripts, contact Julie Varghese at [Julie@endabuse.org](mailto:Julie@endabuse.org).

---

## Office for Victims of Crime Launches Online Calendar of Crime Victim Assistance-Related Events

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has launched the online and interactive National Calendar of Crime Victim Assistance-Related Events. It is a centralized resource that can keep you up-to-date on what's taking place around the nation, or in your own backyard.

The Calendar helps crime victim service providers and allied professionals stay in touch with all of the latest victim assistance conferences, trainings, ceremonies, and other events throughout the nation.

Visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ovccalendar> for OVC's latest Web tool designed to keep professionals informed about what's happening in the field and to add your organization's event.

## Avon Foundation -- Women's Empowerment, Domestic Violence Grants

The Avon Foundation was founded to improve the lives of women and their families. The Avon Foundation brings this mission to life through two key areas of focus: breast cancer and women's empowerment, with an emphasis on the issue of domestic violence. In its commitment to end domestic violence, the Avon Foundation in the U.S. supports awareness, education, direct services, and prevention programs.

For application deadlines, local or regional programs should contact the Avon office closest to you for more information. The national programs application deadline is September 1 each year. The Avon Foundation makes grants only to organizations and institutions having tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For more information go to: [www.avoncompany.com](http://www.avoncompany.com).



---

## My Sister's House Shelter Weekly Advocate Training

My Sister's House will begin its volunteer Shelter Advocate training starting March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The trainings will take place every Saturday from March 11<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30AM - 5:30PM.

They are looking for volunteers that are interested in working with shelter residents, handle crisis calls, and provide translations (as needed).

Volunteers should be over 18 years old, responsible, and have received 40 hours training. Individuals of API descent/ background or bicultural preferred. Bilingual is helpful, but not essential.

My Sister's House is *the first and only non-profit organization* to specifically identify and address the unique needs of women and children impacted by domestic violence in the Central Valley's highly diverse Asian and Pacific Islander community.

The mission of My Sister's House is to serve the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander women and children impacted by domestic violence by providing a culturally appropriate and responsive safe haven and community services.

Please contact us today by email or phone at: [info@my-sisters-house.org](mailto:info@my-sisters-house.org), or 916.478.7378. With your help, we will make a difference in the lives of battered women and children in their time of need.

## May is Women's Health Month

The California State Legislature has designated May as Women's Health Month. The purpose of Women's Health Month is to: 1) Increase public awareness about significant women's health issues; 2) educate women to empower them to act as their own health advocates; 3) reduce health disparities; and 4) promote the physical and emotional well being of women in California.

The theme for this year's Women's Health Month is **A Balanced Life...A Healthy Life**. To have your Women's Health Month activity included on OWL's Calendar of Events, go to [www.dhs.ca.gov/director/owh](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/director/owh) to download an Event Form. All forms must be received by Friday, April 1, 2006.

For more information contact Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda at 916-440-7626.



# Upcoming Events

**International Women's Day Conference**  
**U.S. Policies and their Impact on Women throughout the World**  
**Saturday, March 4, 2006, 9:00am-4:00pm**  
**Foshay Learning Center, 3751 S. Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles, CA**



Sponsored by the Rejustice Coalition of Los Angeles. For more information contact [bethany.leal@cwlc.org](mailto:bethany.leal@cwlc.org).



**California Women's Health Care Partnership (CWHCP) Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 9, 2006, 11:00am. to 2:00pm**  
**The Sterling West Room, Sterling Hotel**  
**1300 H Street, Sacramento, California**

The next meeting of the California Women's Health Care Partnership will be held Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:cfnecree@cpca.org) by Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

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

**2007 National Conference on Health Care and Domestic Violence**  
**March 23 - March 24, 2007**  
**Grand Hyatt, 345 Stockton Street, San Francisco, California**

The conference attracts the nation's leading medical, public health and family violence experts from across the U.S. with increased international participation. All conference information, including the call for abstracts, conference registration and hotel reservations, will be available online at <http://www.endabuse.org/health/conference/>.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Each One Reach One: Working Together to Make a Change" Conference**  
**Saturday, May 6, 2006, 8:30am – 2:00pm**  
**Oakland Hilton Airport Hotel**



For more information call: Dolores, Women's Cancer Resource Center at 510.420.7900 x112

**Women's Cancer Resource Center 20th Anniversary Celebration**  
**May 18, 2006**  
**Marsh Theater. Berkeley, CA**

The Women's Cancer Resource Center is holding a performance of a one-woman show entitled, "Jonna's Body, Please Hold" at the new Marsh Theater in Berkeley. Nominated for two 2004 LA Stage Alliance awards, this one-woman show chronicles Jonna Tamases' cancer battle with humor, tenderness and joy. Tickets will be available for sale on a sliding scale shortly. Seating is limited. If you are interested in attending, please email [peggy@wrcrc.org](mailto:peggy@wrcrc.org) and you will be sent an invitation.

---

**The Center for Collaborative Planning presents a Women's Health Leadership Seminar:  
Cultural Sensitivity  
May 19, 2006  
Sacramento, CA**

This seminar is designed for diverse audiences ranging from legislators and state workers to grassroots community members, line staff workers, and executive directors. For more information contact Heather Hutcheson at 916-498-830 or [heather@connectccp.org](mailto:heather@connectccp.org) or visit [www.connectcco.org](http://www.connectcco.org).

---

**14th Annual Conference of the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International  
April 6-8, 2006  
Portland, Oregon**

Joining forces, joining voices: Including diverse peoples and communities in violence prevention research, practice and advocacy. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.nnvawi.org/conferences.htm>.

---

## Job Opportunities

---

**The Women's Foundation of California** (Los Angeles Office) is currently seeking an Office Manager to manage the administration and operations of the Los Angeles office. The tentative start date is April 15, 2006 and the deadline to apply is March 10.

Please send cover letter and resume via fax, email, or mail and include "Los Angeles Office Manager Search" in the subject line of any email correspondence.

Los Angeles Office Manager Search  
Women's Foundation of California  
3550 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 610  
Los Angeles, CA 90010  
Fax: 213.388.0405  
Email: [kimk@womensfoundca.org](mailto:kimk@womensfoundca.org)

**The Women's Foundation of California** (Los Angeles Office) is also seeking a Program and Administrative Intern. For more information please contact [ChristinaL@womensfoundca.org](mailto:ChristinaL@womensfoundca.org)

**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@cpcpa.org](mailto:jjohnson@cpcpa.org)

**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](mailto:BarajaM@SutterHealth.org).  
No Phone Calls Please. Position is open until filled.

**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](mailto:spadua@apiahf.org)

**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](http://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](mailto:rfarmer@bcaction.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](http://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 & Reproductive Justice Projects  
California Women's Law Center  
6300 Wilshire Boulevard, #980  
Los Angeles, CA 90048

**The Downtown Women's Center (DWC)** recently received funding to hire a community-wide trainer for staff working downtown. This fulltime position will report to DWC's Executive Director. Qualified applicants must have Master's degree and experience with case management and/or working with homeless, strong leadership and training skills, ability to develop materials and trainings as necessary, and capability to supervise administrative support staff and volunteers. Please email resume to: Megan Fincher at [Meganf@dwcweb.org](mailto:Meganf@dwcweb.org).

**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: [cfoncree@cpca.org](mailto:cfoncree@cpca.org)

*The California Women's Health Care Partnership (CWHCP) is a project of the California Primary Care Association (CPCA) and is co-sponsored by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District IX (ACOG), the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), Latino Coalition for a Healthy 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.*