

Cover to Stakeholders and Partners – Status Report:

Home Visitation Program - Status Report

The Health Care Reform Legislation signed into law on March 23, 2010, established a new State grant program for an early childhood home visitation program under the federal Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). Please see attached copy of the applicable law and analysis.

The State Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program (MCAH) is waiting for federal guidance regarding the needs and capacity assessment and grant implementation. Many of our current activities are related to research, analysis, and the compilation of data in preparation for meeting the federal grant requirements. However, as the agency responsible for Title V funding in California, MCAH is moving forward with conducting the mandated needs and capacity assessments, which are due on September 23, 2010.

MCAH will be conducting internal and external meetings and workgroups, and will provide periodic Status Reports for the following areas: Federal Guidance, Needs Assessment Steps, Home Visitation Program Models, External Communications, and Stakeholder Collaboration.

This is the first of many updates you will receive communicating the progress MCAH is making in implementing the home visitation program.

MCAH launched a California MCAH Home Visitation website to post all pertinent information regarding the implementation of this program. Content will be uploaded shortly:

<http://cdph.ca.gov/CA-MCAH-HomeVisitation>

Also, MCAH created a California Home Visitation mailbox where you can ask questions, request information, provide input, or communicate with MCAH:

CA-MCAH-HomeVisitation@cdph.ca.gov

If you have questions regarding this program, or if you do not want to be a recipient of these updates, please contact Anne Powers, RN, PhD, at Anne.Powers@cdph.ca.gov or (916) 440-7164.