



Central Valley Health Network

MEDIA ADVISORY

Central Valley Health Network Youth Conference Aims to Inspire Hundreds of Students to Explore Careers in Health Care

WHAT: Central Valley Health Network kicks off its youth conference for more than 500 high school students to interact with health care professionals, attend nearly two dozen information sessions and participate in numerous activities, including question and answer speed learning sessions. The conference aims to provide opportunities for students to interact with a variety of health care professionals, explore the many aspects of health care, and motivate a greater number of Central Valley students to choose health care careers.

WHEN: Friday, March 26 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mission Oak High School
3442 E. Bardsley
Tulare, CA 93274

WHY: The Central Valley has 31 percent fewer primary physicians and 51 percent fewer specialists than the rest of the state, according to the Valley Coalition for UC Merced Medical School. It is expected that California will face a shortage of 17,000 physicians by 2015, further aggravating the physician shortage in the Central Valley.

WHO:

- More than 500 students from Mission Oak High School
- Keynote speaker Dr. Juan Garcia, Director of the Fresno Family Counseling Center at California State University, Fresno
- David Quackenbush, CEO, Central Valley Health Network
- Assemblywoman Connie Conway who will be presenting a proclamation to recognize this year's conference

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About Central Valley Health Network

The Central Valley Health Network (CVHN) is a consortium of 13 Federally Qualified Health Center corporations that provide comprehensive preventative primary care services to low-income and medically underserved families throughout the Central Valley of California. CVHN supports consortium members with technical assistance, advocacy, program development and administration and training. Currently, CVHN members serve more than 600,000 patients annually across 128 clinic sites in 21 counties for more than 2.5 million patient visits yearly.

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