National Immunization Awareness Month

In August we highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Now more than ever, having our immunizations up-to-date is important.

It is critical that we encourage our families and friends to get immunized to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks. Ask your doctor about vaccines you may need for your age, health conditions, job, or lifestyle. At Visión y Compromiso we encourage you to seek guidance from your providers and from credible sources like the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for information regarding vaccinations for adults, adolescents, and children.

Back to School and COVID-19 Safety Practices

As our children and adolescents prepare to return to in-person classes, the California Department of Education (CDE) has been monitoring and is ready to implement the recommendations and guidelines provided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC). These recommendations include wearing a mask and frequent testing to name a few. If you are wondering about the safety plan for your child's school, please visit their website or ask to be given that information before school starts. For your reference, the state of California has launched the Safe Schools for All Hub where you'll be able to see the state guidance and other resources for a safe return to school.

Visión y Compromiso wishes you and your children a safe and successful school year.
After years of failed talks between both political parties on immigration reform, democrats in Congress are advocating to legalize millions of undocumented immigrants. Democrats have a majority of members in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate and can pass certain bills with a majority vote. A new immigration reform bill this fall could make Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) a permanent path to citizenship for 800,000 Dreamers. The bill could also legalize the nation’s estimated 1.1 million to 1.7 million undocumented farmworkers.

The bill is especially important now because of a recent federal court ruling in Texas that declared DACA illegal and has prevented over 1 million estimated DACA applicants from applying. Current DACA recipients can now reapply for DACA status, but court rulings in the future could change this. Experts say a legislative solution by Congress is needed.

The democrats are planning to use a process called reconciliation. This allows a vote on bills that affect our budget to be passed in the Senate with a simple majority vote of 51, not the usual vote of 60 senators. Democrats believe that the expansion of millions of undocumented immigrants to legal status will give the US economy a huge boost, creating more income for our nation’s federal budget. The Center for American Progress estimates a path to citizenship would increase our economy by a total of $1.5 trillion over 10 years and create 400,800 new jobs. A ruling to use the reconciliation process will be made in a few weeks. The bill must also pass the House of Representatives and will need support votes by all democrats. Congressmembers in California will need our advocacy to ensure that all our California families will have a path to legalization.

Promotores in Visión y Compromiso’s Network are scheduling meetings with congressmembers now.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE DACA PERMANENT:

1. Share your experience or ask any of your family members that are DACA recipients to complete the survey anonymously.

   ENGLISH VERSION: https://forms.gle/ysNZvDZfbRyPghry5

   SPANISH VERSION: https://forms.gle/NB3K3c39CLLqzW129

   We will share with legislators the testimonials of how DACA is giving so many young people opportunities they deserve and urging them to make DACA permanent. Join Maria Michel, a DACA recipient in our Visión y Compromiso Network, who is speaking out!

2. Share these links with other promotores, friends, and community members you know.

3. Put DACA on the agenda of your next meeting.

4. Meet with your Congressmember.

Now is the best time to act. Congress will be voting on these bills starting in September.

We need your help! If you have any questions please contact Visión y Compromiso’s Advocacy Manager, Peter Phillips at peter@visionycompromiso.org.
We welcome the following promotores into the family of the Network of Promotoras and Community Health Workers:

SAN FERNANDO
1. Laura Baz
2. Myriam Alvarado
3. Lily Martinez
4. Maria Garcia (unpictured)

CENTRAL COAST
5. Ricardo Garcia

SAN DIEGO
6. Beatriz Gomez
7. Francis Garcia
8. Laura Hernandez
For information about these events and more, visit our events page.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Unless otherwise stated, these events are in Spanish.

**LAS VEGAS, NV**
Promotores
Transforming Families & Communities
9 sessions starting on the following dates:
August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
9:00am–2:00pm
**Virtual event**

**TULARE**
Workforce Training
Every Saturday in August
8:30am to 1:00pm
**Virtual event**

**SAN FERNANDO**
United in the Prevention of Electronic Cigarettes:
Training #2:
Thursdays, August 5 & 12
9:00am–2:00pm
**In-person event**

Training #3:
Saturdays, August 7 & 14
9:00am to 2:00pm
**In-person event**

Raising and Vibrating Your Positive Energy Workshop
Friday, August 6
6:00pm–7:30pm
**Virtual event**

San Fernando Regional Conference: From Resilience to Recovery: Finding Your Balance as a Promotora
Saturday, August 21
9:00am–1:30pm
**Virtual event**

**BAY AREA**
COVID-19 Tenant Relief in Alameda County
Thursday, August 19
12:30pm
**Virtual event**

Organizational Readiness
August 20 & 27
9:00am to 1:30pm
**Virtual event in English**

**STANISLAUS**
Community Forum with Congressman Josh Harder
Thursday, August 26
5:30 am–6:30pm
**In-person event**

**CENTRAL COAST**
Culture and Advocacy: A Challenge to Conquer!
Saturday, August 28
9:30am–11:00am
**Virtual event**

**SAN DIEGO**
Medicare and Medi-Cal Clarified
Tuesday, August 31
5:00pm–6:30pm
**Virtual event**
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