

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A Reception Honoring the Women Of The 116th Congress

Please join **Moms Clean Air Force** and **Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments** for an evening celebrating the historic number of women serving in the 116th Congress. This reception will bring together members of Congress, health-focused partners, and the broader community to honor the women who are working tirelessly to keep our families safe and healthy. Light food and drink will be served.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 16th, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2075 (45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515)

**WHO:** Moms Clean Air Force, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, Honorary Hosts: **Congresswomen Kathy Castor, Barbara Lee, Lisa Blunt Rochester, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Jan Schakowsky, Diana DeGette, Alma Adams, and Ann McLane Kuster.**

**Master of Ceremonies:** Vanessa Hauc, Emmy Award-winning Latina Journalist

**Partners:** Allergy & Asthma Network; American College of Nurse Midwives; American Public Health Association; Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses; Black Millennials 4 Flint; Children's Environmental Health Network; Healthy Schools Network; Learning Disabilities Association of America; Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health; National Association of Hispanic Nurses; National Association of School Nurses; National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners; National Hispanic Medical Association; National Medical Association; WE ACT for Environmental Justice.

YOU'RE INVITED

TO A RECEPTION

[RSVP HERE](#) or to Moms Clean Air Force National Field Manager, Trisha Sheehan [tsheehan@momscleanairforce.org](mailto:tsheehan@momscleanairforce.org), (917)863-1009

CELEBRATING THE WOMEN  
OF THE 116TH CONGRESS

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

5:30  
7:30 PM

RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
ROOM 2075, 45 INDEPENDENCE AVE SW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

HONORARY HOSTS: CONGRESSWOMEN KATHY CASTOR,  
BARBARA LEE, LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER,  
DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, JAN SCHAKOWSKY,  
DIANA DEGETTE, AND ANN McLANE KUSTER.



LIGHT FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE SERVED.

RSVP: [WWW.MOMSCLEANAIRFORCE.ORG/WOMEN-IN-CONGRESS](http://WWW.MOMSCLEANAIRFORCE.ORG/WOMEN-IN-CONGRESS)

THIS EVENT IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE "RECEPTION EXCEPTION" UNDER HOUSE AND SENATE GIFT RULES.

# Advocating for Prevention in Communities of Color: The Role of Providers Amid the Opioid Crisis

Monday, May 13, 2019

1:00-2:30 pm ET

[REGISTER HERE](#)

This webinar is approved by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC) for a total of one (1) continuing education credit hour (CECH) in health education.

One (1) CECH has been approved for advanced-level credit.

Drug overdose deaths, including those involving opioids, continue to increase in the United States. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), more than 130 people a day die from opioid-related drug overdoses. To further explore this epidemic, the Office of Minority Health is conducting a four-part webinar series for providers aimed at addressing and raising awareness about opioid-related disparities among racial and ethnic minority populations.

The first webinar, Advocating for Prevention in Communities of Color: The Role of Providers Amid the Opioid Crisis, will highlight key facts and statistics about opioid misuse and mortality, and the disparities that exist among racial and ethnic minority populations. Speakers will discuss principles, strategies and best practices for preventing opioid misuse and addiction. Additionally, they will provide information on the provider's role in culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention efforts.

Objectives:

- Gain a better understanding of opioid misuse and addiction and its impact on racial ethnic minority populations.
- Increase awareness of principles, strategies and best practices for preventing opioid misuse and addiction in communities of color.
- Identify and share resources for providers and other stakeholders to facilitate culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention efforts.

## Are you a healthcare worker who completed your training in another country?

[New American Economy](#) is looking for stories to help raise public awareness about legislation that would make it easier for foreign-trained healthcare professionals to get licensed and work in their desired fields.

Last May, California Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard introduced the [PATH Act](#), which will help foreign-trained healthcare professionals find jobs in the United States that reflect their education, skills, and expertise. The legislation includes initiatives to provide counseling and training opportunities, and to educate employers on international credentials and training.

The bipartisan immigration-reform nonprofit New American Economy is working to raise awareness of the need for the PATH Act. They're collecting stories nationwide, but they're especially seeking people in Florida, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, and Pennsylvania who want to share their views:

- Was it hard to get back into your field once you arrived in the United States?
- Did you switch careers completely or work less than you'd like?
- What would you like Congress to know about your experience that could help others?

Please email Ben Whitford, at [Ben@newamericaneconomy.org](mailto:Ben@newamericaneconomy.org). *All messages will be treated as confidential.*

## Latinx Health Poetry



Join us as we create a collection of Latinx Health Poetry!

In collaboration with Dr. Alvaro Garza, we plan to share a collection of Latinx health-related poetry at the 2019 APHA conference! This is a great opportunity for you to share and showcase your poetry or other creative writing. Dr. Garza is also willing to collaborate and co-author poems.

WHAT: Submit a poem, or more, that relates to Latinx health (to: [lcph1973@gmail.com](mailto:lcph1973@gmail.com)). It should be original, could be poetry or prose, bilingual, or full English or Spanish, and no more than about 400 words. For more information, please see attached note from Dr. Garza.

WHEN: **Deadline is May 31, 2019**

WHO: YOU and everyone is welcome to share and submit poetry!

Look at this great example: <https://youtu.be/tjV-oPn5nRE>

For questions, email us at [lcph1973@gmail.com](mailto:lcph1973@gmail.com)

## 2019 Movement Is Life National Caucus Addressing Musculoskeletal Health Disparities



To register, click on the image or go to [www.movementislifecaucus.com/registration](http://www.movementislifecaucus.com/registration).

## SOAR en línea



**NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
TRAINING AND TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE CENTER**

There is now a training resource available to the National Hispanic Medical Association network. The HHS SOAR training program is administered by the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP), in partnership with the Office on Women's Health (OWH), through the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center. Access the CME/CM training course, visit <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/soar-to-health-and-wellness-training/soar-online>.