

### Recent Publications

Cousineau MR, Farias A. Changes in uncompensated pediatric ambulatory care visits for uninsured children among safety net providers after implementing a health insurance program for low-income children. *Journal of Public Health Management & Practice*. 2009 Forthcoming.

Stevens GD, Seid M, Tsai KY, West-Wright C, Cousineau, MR. Improvements in access to care for vulnerable children in California between 2001-2005. *Public Health Reports*. 2009 Forthcoming.

Cousineau MR, Farias A. Saving safety net dollars through health insurance expansion. *Health Affairs*. 2009

Cousineau MR, Stevens GD, Pickering TA. Preventable hospitalizations among children in California counties after child health insurance expansion initiatives. *Medical Care*. 2008

Shi L, Stevens GD, Lebrun LA, Faed P, Tsai J. Enhancing the measurement of health disparities for vulnerable populations. *Journal of Public Health Management & Practice*. 2008.

Stevens GD, West-Wright CN, Tsai KY. Health insurance access to care for families with young children in California. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. 2008.

Valente T, Coronges K, Stevens GD, Cousineau MR. Collaboration and competition in a children's health initiative coalition: A network of analysis. *Evaluation and Program Planning*. 2008

### Notable Reports

Use of Outreach and Enrollment Strategies in California. (2009)

Healthy Kids Program and the Safety Net: Perceptions of Community Clinic Administrators. (2008).

Dental Utilization in California's Children's Health Initiatives' Healthy Kids Programs. (2008)

Utilization in Children's Health Initiatives in California: Results from 2006. (2008)

Express Lane Eligibility Project: Evaluation Report. (2006)

The Health and Mental Health Status & Access to Care for the Homeless Adults & Children in Central Los Angeles. (2003)

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# Center for COMMUNITY HEALTH STUDIES

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



## PROGRAM EVALUATION

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We specialize in conducting multi-level, multi-method policy-oriented program evaluations. Our approach incorporates qualitative and quantitative methods and dissemination strategies that provide clients with up-to-date and concise information about the successes and challenges of vital public health programs.

Our methods include:

- ◆ Survey research
- ◆ Health and program data analysis
- ◆ Focus groups
- ◆ Cost-benefit studies
- ◆ Outcome studies



## POLICY ANALYSIS

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We work closely with governmental agencies and foundations to analyze and evaluate public policies that address contemporary public health problems. We have examined how counties govern their health programs, evaluated outreach and enrollment strategies for public insurance programs, and studied how agencies advocate on behalf of their clients and community.



## RESEARCH

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We conduct health services research and needs assessments for agencies servicing children and families, adult immigrants, the homeless, and other vulnerable populations. Specific research includes outreach and enrollment into health care programs, immigration and health, public hospital integrated delivery systems, preventable hospitalizations, impact of establishing a medical home and disparities in oral health.



## TRAINING

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We provide opportunities for students and others to participate in research and evaluation projects. We train undergraduate and graduate students from various programs and we extend training to the staff of community-based organizations.

## COLLABORATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

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The Center collaborates with other agencies and researchers to conduct successful and effective studies. These include the USC Institute for Prevention Research, Central Los Angeles Skid Row Health Collaborative, LA Health Action, The Urban Institute, the RWJF-sponsored SHARE initiative, and the California Children's Health Initiatives.

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