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**BUTTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH REMINDS THE  
IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH CHECK-UPS FOR  
BABIES, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – Babies, children, and adolescents need regular health check-ups and immunizations to stay healthy. Since many medical conditions can be corrected if diagnosed in the early stages, early intervention may reduce the severity of health problems.

“Some children may look well but have hidden health problems,” states Georgia Nelson, Public Health Nurse and Deputy Director for the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program. “In addition, California State law requires all children to have a health check-up and be up-to-date on their immunizations before entering school.”

The Butte County CHDP Program offers periodic preventive health check-ups to young people less than 21 years of age if they are receiving full coverage Medi-Cal. If a young person is under 19 years of age and doesn't have full-scope Medi-Cal, they may still be eligible for health check-ups if their family has a low to moderate income. CHDP providers will help determine if they qualify during their office visit.

A CHDP check-up includes a complete physical examination. This exam can detect childhood disorders such as vision problems and hearing difficulties, which can lead to learning delays/disabilities, anemia (low iron in the blood), and environmental lead poisoning. The exams also include vaccinations to protect against communicable diseases and education for parents and young children on nutrition, dental care, and growing up healthy. Some CHDP exams may include a fluoride varnish application to protect teeth against cavities. In addition, CHDP provides camp, sports, and back-to-school physicals.

Many doctors throughout Butte County perform CHDP exams for qualified individuals. For a current list of CHDP providers, call the CHDP Program Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 538-6222. For Spanish or Hmong interpreter services call 1-800-339-2941.

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