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## **MULTICULTURAL HEALTH EVENT TO TAKE PLACE IN OROVILLE**

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. — On Saturday, August 29, the public is invited to the “Beyond the Walls” Multicultural Health Fair at Martin Luther King Jr. Park located at 2921 B Street in Oroville. The event, which runs from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, is sponsored by Beyond the Walls Ministry, the Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County, the Butte County Public Health Department and the California Family Health Council.

The Butte County Public Health Clinics have worked closely with Beyond the Walls Ministry and the Hmong Cultural Center bringing reproductive health information, education and clinic services to the community. This unique partnership allows the underinsured and the uninsured to receive pregnancy testing, birth control, physicals, immunizations and referral to other health services. With the current economic downturn, the loss of jobs and health insurance, it is critical that all possible resources are made available and that the community receives information to access them. When individuals have access to preventive services they have better health outcomes.

The community fair came from a desire expressed by Pastor Kevin Thompson and Seng Yang to “ease some of the stress the community is feeling.” This first of its kind event was planned to provide services and information that help point the community toward improved health.

Guest speakers include:

- Dr. Aldrich Patterson, a psychologist with a depth of knowledge on motivating individuals toward positive change and stress reduction.
- Dr. Nhia Vang, an Oroville physician will speak on the increase in diabetes, diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

Agencies and sponsors for the event have made it possible to provide:

- Free bone density screenings,
- Blood pressure and blood sugar testing,
- Free dental screenings for children entering Kindergarten or first grade,

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- Nurses to answer questions and provide health information,
- Del Norte clinic staff will be onsite to make referrals to their medical, dental, nutrition counseling, family counseling, and specialist care,
- The Public Health Mobile Medical Unit and staff will provide pregnancy testing, resource and clinic registration and referrals,
- Substance abuse prevention and treatment information,
- Domestic violence and injury prevention staff will have resources for the community.

A partial participant list includes the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, Valley Oaks Children Center, Ken Harlan Pharmacist, Proctor and Gamble, Sierra Cascade Nutrition and Activity Consortium, Connecting Circles of Care, Butte County Behavioral Health and Sheriff Department, Oroville Police Department, Bay Tech Alliance, the E-Center Head Start, Catalyst and more.

- Live entertainment will include African American, Hmong, and Native American dance troupes and Kids for a Better Society dance troupe from Sacramento.
- A picnic style lunch will be provided with funding from a generous list of sponsors including the California Family Health Council.
- A scavenger hunt with prizes including a bicycle, bicycle helmet, car seat, and three refurbished laptop computers will be held.
- Farmer's market vendors will have their fresh local produce available for sale and drawings will be held for vouchers for purchase of fruits and vegetables.

This event has something to offer for the whole family and for all ages. Bring your lawn chair, hat and sunscreen and have fun while improving your health.

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