

Conference Description

This program is designed to:

- **Empower persons** affected by Sickle Cell Disease by increasing their understanding of the disease and knowledge of available community resources, to enhance their quality of life.
- Gain insights into ways to promote political advocacy while encouraging persons in the sickle cell community to **get active** and **promote sickle cell awareness**.

Change
starts
with YOU!

Important information

Registration:

Space is limited! Please return your conference registration by September 8th to:
*Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of California
6133 Bristol Parkway, Suite 240
Culver City, CA 90230*

Free Childcare & Activities:

Pre-registration is required for your child(ren) by September 8th (Complete and send in the enclosed form). *Space is limited!* Same day reservations for childcare will not be available.

Arts and Crafts activities will be provided by Coach Art in the morning. An educational session will be presented by Susan Shannon, Nurse Practitioner in the afternoon.

Meals and Parking:

Breakfast, lunch, educational materials and parking are free. Park at the 4601 Sunset Blvd Parking structure. Enter off of Rodney Drive and park on the 4th level and above.

Conference assistance:

- Spanish translation services are available.
- Transportation assistance will be available at several central locations. Space is limited. Make your transportation reservations by September 8, 2008. For more information please contact the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of California at (310) 693-0247 or 877- 288-CURE.

A Day of Empowerment

Sickle Cell Family Education Day



Saturday, September 20, 2008

8:00 am-5:00 pm

Childrens Hospital Los Angeles

4650 Sunset Blvd

Los Angeles, CA 90027

Sponsored by



Faculty

Mary E. Brown, President & CEO of
SCDF of California
Dawn Canada, Social worker
Susan Claster, Physician
Thomas Coates, Physician
Pat Corley, Nurse coordinator
Joy Fridey, Physician
Jeffrey Gold, Psychologist
Paula Groncy, Physician
Debbie Harris, Nurse practitioner
Mary LaMar, Director of Multicultural
Initiatives, Be Sickle Smart
Program
Anne Nord, Nurse
Paola Pederzoli, Nurse practitioner
Trish Peterson, Nurse practitioner
Valerie Richards, Social worker
Carolyn Rowley, Psychologist
Susan Shannon, Nurse practitioner
Teddi Softley, Psychologist
Councilman Daniel Tabor - City of
Inglewood
David Tishler, Physician

Schedule of Events

8:00-8:30 Registration/Breakfast (Saban Auditorium)
8:30-8:45 Welcome/Introductions
8:45-9:15 Comprehensive Care: Paula Groncy, MD
9:15-10:00 Medical, Research, & Transfusion Updates: Thomas Coates, MD & Joy Fridey, MD
10:00-10:15 Break and Exhibits
10:15-10:45 School/Vocation Issues: Teddi Softley, PhD
10:45-11:30 Coping with Chronic Illness
Breakout Sessions
I. Adults with SCD: Carolyn Rowley, PhD & Pat Corley, RN
II. Children with SCD: Dawn Canada, LCSW & Trish Peterson, NP
III. Parents-(English): Valerie Richards, LCSW & Anne Nord, RN
IV. Parents-(Spanish): Paola Pederzoli, NP & David Tishler, MD
11:30-1:00 Be Sickle Smart Unveiling, Free Lunch, and exhibits (Healing Gardens)
Mary LaMar- Moderator
Announcement of the California winners for the Gospel CD
competition, and '09 Sickle Cell Calendar contest
1:00-1:45 Pain Management: Jeffrey Gold, PhD & Debbie Harris, NP
1:45-2:15 Transitioning to and receiving adult centered care:
Susan Claster, MD, Pat Corley, RN & Dawn Canada, LCSW
2:15-2:30 Break/exhibits
2:30-3:15 Political Advocacy: Thomas Coates, MD, Mary Brown & Councilman Daniel Tabor
3:15-4:15 "The Faces of Sickle Cell" - Family Panel
4:15-4:45 Childrens' Presentation
4:45-5:00 Closing Remarks