

What's New!

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# **Feature Story**

Lin Checks In: Health Care in Mendocino County

The Affordable Care Act and Prevention

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"Current politics have a lot of us focusing on the cost of the health care reform, understandably. However, the flip side of the legislation is how it will help ensure high quality care within our very own community. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has many provisions aimed at improving quality and patient safety. In fact, all providers caring for patients in the ACA starting January 1, 2014 will be responsible for not only administering the highest quality care, but also for reporting all patient outcomes to Federal, State and County. . . "

View the full article here.

# Featured Indicator

**Mammogram History** 



Prevention is key, but many preventative services are underutilized in Mendocino County, like mammograms.

71.5 % of women in Mendocino County have had a mammogram in the last two years. See the full indicator here.

## Affordable Care Act Center



Insurance exchanges opened on October 1, and Healthy

#### **New Site Developments**

You may have noticed some changes on the Healthy Mendocino Homepage lately! Some of the changes include:

- Drop down menus on the left hand toolbar
- Affordable Care Act Center, Community Pages, and Healthy Living sections in the right hand column
- Translation tool available in Spanish
- The California Health Interview Survey just released new data for several of the Healthy Mendocino Indicators. Look for the "new" logo next to indicators to find the most recently updated indicators.

#### **Community Center**



The new Community Center is located at the heart of the Healthy Mendocino home page for the reason: it is a central connecting point for interacting with the Healthy Mendocino community. This hub offers many entry points into community interaction and promotes discussion and dissemination of health info. If you haven't already, check out the Community Center and see how you can connect.

### Learn More



Email <u>research@mendochildren.org</u> or call(707) 467-3200, ext. 330 to schedule a training for your organization and find the ways in which you can connect with the site!

Mendocino was there to help provide information for our county. Working with staff from Alliance for Rural Community Health and Mendocino County Health and Human Services, Healthy Mendocino launched the Affordable Care Act Center.

With information about who to contact locally, links to Covered California, articles, videos, and answers to Frequently Asked Questions, the Affordable Care Act Center is the place to go to get the latest information on the ACA in Mendocino County. Spread the word and share the link to the Affordable Care Act Center and help inform our community about the new health insurance changes underway.

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