

CCHP Recognized at the SF Health Commission – March 1, 2016

On March 1, 2016, Child Care Health Program (CCHP) was recognized for their exceptional service and excellent performance, at the San Francisco Health Commission meeting.



Employee Recognition Program Certificate to CCHP

CCHP is in the vanguard of public health's fight against the scourges of childhood obesity and caries, both at epidemic levels in San Francisco. Quietly but effectively providing dental, audiometric, and general health screenings, assessments, and quality control consultations at approximately one hundred schools and child care sites across the county, the sixteen member CCHP team performs one of the most valuable public health services possible: creating a healthier new generation of San Franciscans. Promoting nutrition and exercise, the small program wields outsized influence by intervening early, emphasizing prevention, and touching thousands of lives. With

innovative plans to test for beta-carotene levels in children as a measurement of fruit and vegetable consumption and the addition of another dental hygienist, the program grows in strength and scope. Healthy children do better in school and develop into healthier and more productive adults, and relative to size and cost, few county programs have a bigger impact. In 2014-2015 CCHP:

- Screened 1,644 children for oral health issues and gave fluoride varnish applications to 1291 children to protect them from caries
- Screened 1,856 children for vision issues and arranged for the distribution of 100 pairs of glasses
- Made sure that 100% of CCHP centers have an updated asthma policy and staff training on dealing with asthmatics
- Supported child care centers to adopt nutrition and physical activity best practices, thereby reducing the incidence of overweight and obesity by half (5% in 2014-2015 vs 9% in 2012-2013)



CCHP Team with Barbara Garcia, Director of Health, at the Health Commission Meeting