

Every Doctor CAREs About Childhood Immunizations

*C*ommunity Resources

Provide parents/guardians with resources on immunizations/shots and local health services.

- Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule
- Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)
- Information on low-cost insurance options
- Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Enrollment Forms

*A*ttitude

Create a practice environment that is respectful and empathetic towards parents/guardians.

- Take the time to listen to parents'/guardians' personal and cultural beliefs about immunizations/shots
- Be attentive and empathetic towards their concerns about side effects, simultaneous vaccination, and contraindications
- Positively and accurately address their questions or concerns about the safety and effectiveness of immunizations/shots

*R*eminders

Remind parents/guardians:

- That the benefits of immunizing their children on time outweigh potential side effects
- About the immunizations/shots their child needs to complete the recommended schedule
- To bring their child's immunization/shot record (yellow card) to every doctor's visit
- To make an appointment for their next immunization/shot visit *before* they leave the office
- About immunizations/shots that are due soon or overdue through reminder postcards or calls

*E*ducation

Inform parents/guardians at every visit about:

- The benefits of immunizations/shots and the risk of not immunizing
- When the next immunizations/shots are due
- The safety and efficacy of immunizations/shots
- Comfort measures they can use to minimize side effects

The African American Task Force is working to raise awareness about childhood immunizations in African American communities in South Los Angeles. **Everyone is welcome to attend our quarterly meetings!** Please contact Julia Heinzerling at 323-757-7244, extension 228 or jheinzerling@slahp.org for information.



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