

# What's Up?

Information on Health and Human Services in Utah

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## Low or No-Cost Health Care Options Available for Uninsured

Due to economic difficulties, many Utahns are losing health care benefits as a result of job losses and employer budget cuts. In an effort to reduce the number of uninsured, the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) offers the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP), both options available to help Utahns provide health insurance for themselves and their children.

CHIP provides comprehensive health insurance for the uninsured children of families who qualify. In March, the maximum income guidelines increased, making it easier for working families to qualify. For example, a family of four earning up to \$44,100 a year may be eligible. In addition, beginning July 1, CHIP will offer a more inclusive mental health benefit package and change co-pay amounts for selected benefits, as directed by the 2008 Utah Legislature.

CHIP is now open year-round and will continue accepting applications. Once approved, CHIP covers well-child exams, immunizations, hospital and emergency care, mental health services, dental care, hearing and eye exams, and more. CHIP does not require a co-payment for well-child exams and immunizations.

UPP (Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance) was designed to help more uninsured Utahns afford their employer health plans. If an employee's work offers health insurance, qualified individuals and their families may receive up to \$150 per person each month from UPP to help cover their monthly premium payment.

Approval for UPP is also considered a qualifying event for applicants to enroll in their employer-sponsored health insurance. Previously, employees could enroll or make changes to their insurance only during open enrollment or if they had a 'qualifying lifetime event' like marriage or the birth of a child. Now, qualifying for UPP is included as an eligible event, making it possible for individuals to enroll in work-sponsored coverage year-round.

"We need to increase the number of eligible families who enroll in health insurance programs, especially now when more families are losing their health coverage, leaving their children uninsured," said Gov. Jon Huntsman. "Utah families who go without health insurance are at risk of devastating their personal health and financial well-being," he added.

For more information about CHIP or UPP, visit <http://www.health.utah.gov/healthservices.htm> or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669).

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## Free Legal Classes from the Utah State Law Library

The Utah State Law Library serves the legal information needs of Utah's courts, executive agencies, legislature, attorneys, and the public. The library is open to the public, and while the collection is located in Salt Lake City, library services are available to people throughout the state.

Upcoming Utah State Law Library classes:

- **Small Claims Basics**  
Thursday, June 11th, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Resources for People Representing Themselves in Utah's State Courts**  
Friday, June 12th, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- **Guardianship of an Adult Basics**  
Thursday, June 18th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Landlord-Tenant Basics**  
Thursday, June 25th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

For More Information, visit the Utah State Law Library Blog, <http://www.utcourts.gov/lawlibrary/blog>, under Categories, click on the Classes & Tours link.

Class size is limited, so register today. Call 801-238-7990, or email [library@email.utcourts.gov](mailto:library@email.utcourts.gov).

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## Free Summer Lunch and Breakfast Program

During the school year, nutritious meals are available through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, but those programs end when school ends for the summer. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program replaces school meals when school is out, and serves thousands of children each summer. The program is the single largest Federal resource available for local sponsors who want to combine a feeding program with a summer activity program. Children in the community do not need to go hungry this summer.

For more information, contact Utahns Against Hunger, 801-328-2561. For a list of sites, contact 2-1-1.

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## Summer Business Food Drive Coordinator Luncheon

During the summer, food drive donations traditionally dip significantly while the need remains steady. This means the Summer Business Food Drive, sponsored this year by Regence and EnergySolutions, is one of the most important food drives of the year.

Utah Food Bank Services will host the Summer Business Food Drive Coordinator Luncheon for business representatives interested in holding a food drive. The luncheon will feature an interactive panel discussion addressing tips and tricks for food drives conducted either traditionally with barrels or online using the Virtual Food Drive at [www.UtahFoodBank.org](http://www.UtahFoodBank.org).

Where: 3150 S 900 W (Future location of Utah Food Bank Services)  
When: Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (RSVP by June 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Contact: Jessica Pugh, 801-887-1281, or [jessicap@utahfoodbank.org](mailto:jessicap@utahfoodbank.org)

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## **National Health Reform and Utah—What's the Story?**

### **Utah Health Policy Project**

It's time for the next event in our series of statewide conversations on national health reform, including discussion of actual legislation.

Many Utahns are struggling to get, or keep, quality, affordable health care. Fortunately the process is moving quickly. By June 23<sup>rd</sup> congressional committees overseeing health reform will have released legislation designed to make health care more affordable, support individuals and their physicians, and cover the uninsured. However, several critical issues remain unresolved and feedback and input is needed!

This unique statewide event will feature individuals from Utah Health Policy Project's [Storybank-Utahns Speak Up](#) who will personalize the abstract policy proposals and explain how specific reforms will give them (and individuals) more choice, control, and peace of mind. We'll also leave time for participants to share their health care story and interact with the congressional delegation (staffers) and the media.

**When: Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm**

**Where: 7 Locations across Utah connected by satellite, plus a statewide webcast**

- **Farmington:** Davis County Health Department
- **Logan:** Cache Valley Community Health Center
- **Murray:** Association for Utah Community Health or AUCH
- **Ogden:** Midtown Community Health Center
- **Provo:** Mountainlands Community Health Center
- **St. George:** Community Health Center of St. George
- **Salt Lake:** University of Utah Health Sciences Building (HSEB)

**\*\*Webcast\*\*** If you can't join one of the sites, you can participate online. Watch in real time and submit questions and comments by email.

For information, registration, directions, or webcast instructions, contact Stacey Earle at 801-433-2299 or [stacey@healthpolicyproject.org](mailto:stacey@healthpolicyproject.org).

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## **Fundraiser Reminders**

### **Utah Foster Care Foundation's Chalk Art Festival**

Where: The Gateway (400 West, South Temple to 200 South), Salt Lake City

When: June 19-20

For information: <http://www.chalkartfestival.org>

### **TURN Community Services' Disabilities Awareness Night with Real Salt Lake**

When: June 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 (tickets must be purchased by June 15<sup>th</sup>)

Where: Rio Tinto Stadium, 9256 S State St, Sandy

Ticket Price: \$18 (\$30 value). All seats are located in the lower bowl (east sideline)

To purchase tickets: Contact Lydia, 801-359-8876 (cash, check, or credit cards accepted)

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## Access Utah Now Broadcasts

Access Utah provides twice-monthly broadcasts of interviews highlighting services and programs for people with disabilities in Utah.

### Upcoming Topics:

June 11, 11:30 a.m., Interagency Outreach Training Initiative (IOTI)

June 25, 11:30 a.m., Disability Determination Services (DDS)

Access broadcasts at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/access-utah--now>

For more information and calendar of future broadcasts, visit <http://www.accessut.org/>

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## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to volunteer for the opportunities below, or for additional opportunities, please call 2-1-1 or visit [www.211ut.org](http://www.211ut.org).

### American Cancer Society (ACS)

Volunteers needed to provide cancer patients with rides to and from treatment centers through the ACS "Road to Recovery" program. Training and background checks will be coordinated through the American Cancer Society.

Volunteers needed to assist cancer patients and their families with information at the Cancer Resource Center (CRC) with the American Cancer Society, located at Intermountain Medical Center Huntsman Cancer Clinic in Murray and at the Ogden Regional Medical Center. Training provided by ACS and/or Intermountain Healthcare. The centers are open Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers can schedule shifts after training.

### Intermountain Healthcare—TOSH

Volunteers needed to help in the newly remodeled TOSH (The Orthopedic Surgery Hospital). Area of service is in the surgery waiting room assisting guests. Volunteers should plan to help for four hours, once a week, for a six month commitment. Shifts are available Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to noon and noon to 4:00 p.m.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Jordan Park

Volunteers needed from 5-10 p.m. to help attendees with games and a water balloon fight to celebrate Independence Day.

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## Upcoming Community Events

(Salt Lake Area Unless Otherwise Noted)

### June

- 5-7 Utah Pride Festival; [Utah Pride Center](#), 801-539-8800
  - 12-13 Highland Games and Scottish Festival; [Utah Scottish Association](#),
  - 13 Canine Casino Night; [No More Homeless Pets](#), 801-364-0370
  - 13 Rummage Sale Benefit; [KCPW Public Radio](#); 801-359-5279
  - 13 First Day of the [Downtown Farmer's Market](#), Pioneer Park
  - 14 First Day of the [People's Market](#), Jordan Park
  - 19-20 [Chalk Art Festival](#); Utah Foster Care Foundation, 801-994-5205
  - 25-28 Utah Arts Festival; [www.uaf.org](http://www.uaf.org), 801-322-2428
  - 27 Disabilities Awareness Night with Real Salt Lake; [TURN Community Services](#), 801-359-8876
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