



*The Anne E. Dyson Community Pediatrics Training Initiative
San Diego California*

Immersion Days

June marked the end of a very hectic and busy academic year for our Dyson residents, which included four Cultural Immersion Days. The days are designed to introduce the residents to the vast and varying ethnic communities of San Diego and to teach them how to work with, instead of against the cultural health beliefs of San Diego's ethnic communities.

San Diego has a large refugee/immigrant population. One aspect of providing culturally competent care requires understanding what the child's family believes is the cause of the problem and learning how to interpret and work with



Residents Bill McCullough, Dori Lamphere, and Nerissa San Luis learn about Kumeyaay Indians.

the family's cultural care expressions and meanings of what they feel is in the best interest of the child.

This year the Hmong, Native American, Latino, and Navy communities hosted the residents.

Special thanks to our hosts Bayside Settlement House, Barona Reservation, Hospital Infantil de las Californias, and the U.S. Navy.



The fourth Immersion Day took place aboard the USS Peleliu.



Resident Brian Fonseca receives a blessing from a Hmong Shaman.

DI Thanks Community

Partners

On May 9, 2001 over 60 representatives from our 55 community partners were joined by Dyson faculty at a luncheon hosted by the DI San Diego. "This was our way of saying thank you to the DI community partners. Without them there would be no community block rotation," said DI program manager Frank Silva. The event took place at The Prado restaurant in Balboa Park.

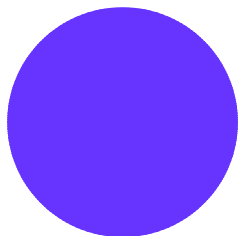
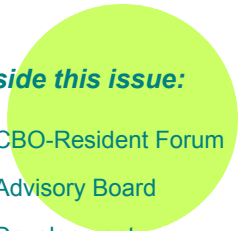
"DI San Diego is proud to host the

appreciation luncheon and looks forward to bringing our community partners together again next year," says DI Co-principal Investigator Phil Nader, M.D.

All DI San Diego Community partners at the event received a commemorative DI San Diego coffee mug and a certificate of appreciation for their participation.

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DI faculty member Lisa Arnold talks with residents Tim Dwyer and Mark Tucker.



PHOTO GALLERY



Resident Chris Eby sees children at Daycare Center in Tijuana Mexico.



Resident Mike Epperly speaks to a group of teens on STD prevention.

CBO- Resident Forum

On June 1, 2001 over twenty community-based organizations attend our first CBO-Resident forum. "This event was an opportunity to expose residents to the vast array of ongoing projects within the community, and have them leave with names of community contacts who are interested in having a resident assist in the development of a service, research or practice project," said Frank Silva.

Joanne Bushby of the East County Collaboratives moderated the event. Overall the event was a success. Several residents left with contacts and were able to initiate a longitudinal placement. Additionally, the event afforded DI San Diego community based partners an opportunity to network.

Thank you to all our community partners for taking time out of your busy day to attend.



Mary Skrabucha of O'Farrell Community School, Fred Santos of Crawford Community Connection and Resident Irene Fu discuss school health.



Resident Juliette Owens talks to Carol Baker of the Family Support Program.

Advisory Board Development

Our first advisory board is up and running. Thanks to Joanne Bushby who helped facilitate this endeavor.

The function of the advisory board is to provide program direction for Dyson Initiative activities within a certain geographic area.

Currently, the East County Collaboratives will function as the advisory board for DI San Diego activities in the East County.

Planning is underway for advisory board development in South Bay/Border area and Mid-City areas of San Diego.

DI San Diego on the Web

DI San Diego as well as the National DI Program can now be accessed via the internet.

To check out the national web page type dysoninitiative.org in your browser.

This web page gives you an overview of the national initiative and the other sites

who participate in the Dyson Initiative nationally.

Local DI news can be found on the Center for Community Health web page. Type sdhealth.org in your browser. The Dyson Initiative is part of the Center for Community Health at UCSD. Learn more about both by logging on to sdhealth.org, then click on Dyson.



Medical Anthropologist Joins DI San Diego

With the addition of our Medical Anthropologist, Samm Hurst, Ph.D, DI San Diego has completed the development of our Culturally Effective Care curriculum. Dr. Hurst brings her experience and training in applied cultural and biological anthropology.

Dr. Hurst and Dean Sidelinger, MD have worked together to create a curriculum that teaches pediatric residents to integrate the concepts of bio-cultural anthropology into patient care. "Medical anthropology is applying cultural anthropology into the application of medical health care delivery," says Dr. Hurst, "with the long term goal of impacting child health outcomes while simultaneously taking into consideration the patients cultural knowledge and traditions."

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importantly the community."

Dr. Hurst graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and did her post-doctoral work at the Scripps Research Institute.

Dr. Sidelinger is a pediatric fellow with the Division of Community Pediatrics.

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A Hmong Wall Hanging depicts the Hmong leaving Laos, crossing the Mekong river into Thailand.

Dyson Brown Bag Series

DI San Diego will begin a series of information gathering and sharing luncheons for our community partners. This is an opportunity to bring our community based partners and medical faculty together for discussing both the successes and challenges of the DI curriculum. It is also an opportunity for our partners to network and learn more about the other curricular activities and learning environments that make up the Dyson Initiative.

The first luncheon will be in October. At this luncheon we will share information from the National Dyson Symposium which takes place in Rochester, NY in this month.

Residents Begin Longitudinal Learning in the Community

USN and UCSD residents have begun the planning stages of their longitudinal projects. Examples of some resident projects are gun safety, teen violence prevention, literacy, physical activity and nutrition, paternal involvement, and cost-effectiveness studies.

Residents can work individually or in small groups on a project of their choice.



Kari Herzog goes to School

USD has a new graduate student. DI San Diego's program assistant, Kari Herzog, will decrease her work effort on Dyson to study counseling at USD. Her new duties will keep her behind the scenes, but she will still be a very active part of our team.

Joining us this month is Jennifer Johnson. She will be the new full time program assistant for Dyson, handling the administrative duties related to resident training. Jennifer has worked for the Division of Community Pediatrics on our physical activity and nutrition programs and is currently working on her bachelors degree in psychology at SDSU.

First Immersion Day Highlights African Refugees

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Residents enjoy traditional Somali and Ethiopian food at this year's first immersion day.



Panelists answer resident questions on child rearing and home remedies.

This year's first immersion day was well attended. Over 55 pediatric residents and faculty participated in this unique opportunity to learn more about the continental African refugees who live in San Diego County.

Community members Joseph Moseray & Alemi Daba, and Dyson faculty Khawla Suleiman helped organize the event.

Residents had an opportunity to hear concerns and stories from panelists concerning cultural values and health beliefs traditionally held by recent African refugees.



Alemi Daba, Program Director with Alliance for African Assistance, shares herbal remedies with residents.

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