

Speak Out Now in Healthcare

A workplace newsletter for Highland and Kaiser workers

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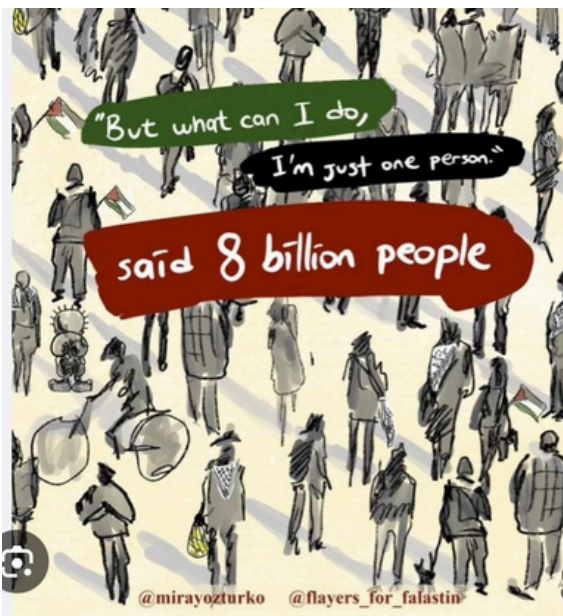
CDC Webpages & Datasets Removed

Some disturbing new data has been posted recently on the AHS homepage describing various webpages that have been removed from the CDC website. Between January 20 and January 31, 2025 (President Trump's first 11 days in office) more than 3,000 webpages were removed from the CDC website regarding chronic disease, overdose prevention training, vaccine guidelines for pregnant people, and resources on health disparities. These are public health guidelines intended for people of all socioeconomic backgrounds to access resources to keep themselves and their families healthy and safe.

In addition, around 20 usages of inclusive language, such as "transgender," "LGBT," "nonbinary," "pregnant person," and "DEI" have been removed from the CDC website, further marginalizing our most vulnerable minorities.

Things like this are easy for Trump and his ruling circle in the government to do because they come from the most privileged sections of the population. They can haphazardly throw away the health guidelines meant for everyday Americans because they don't need them! They have access to the best private health care whenever they need because they're rich.

In these unprecedented times, we can stay vigilant, share information and resources in our communities, fight for those under attack, and stand united against this hate. Remember the quote, "but I'm just one person!" said 8 billion people. Together, we can make the change we want to see.



We Stand Against Attacks on Trans People!

Healthcare workers around the country are expressing outrage over the Trump administration's attacks on the health and safety of transgender people. In the last month, Trump signed an executive order barring institutions from receiving federal funding if they provide gender-affirming healthcare to those under age 19. This healthcare is evidence-based, and research shows that mental health outcomes are better for transgender people who are able to access medication as teenagers, versus those who access it as adults. Healthcare decisions should be made between a patient and their physician, under the guidance of scientific research, not left to the whims of politicians and their agendas.

Unfortunately, the very research that guides medical decision-making for these patients is also under attack. Trump has ordered scientists at the CDC to stop publication of any pending research that focuses on transgender people. Both the CDC and NIH websites have been forced to take down information pertaining to gender-related research. Limiting basic research is another way of limiting access to healthcare for this population.

As healthcare workers, we are committed to promoting the health and safety of all people, and treating every individual with dignity and respect. We reject this administration's dangerous attacks, and are ready to stand by our transgender patients, coworkers, and community members.

February IS Black History Month

In addition to all the changes the Trump administration is trying to impose, they are trying to rewrite history. No Black History Month. No Women's History Month. No Hispanic Heritage Month or any other recognition of the complex history of the U.S. will be taught in schools.

Those in power have always attempted to write history to justify their control. They can try, but they cannot tear the past from the reality of today. A big part of all of our history, the history of struggle, is the ground we stand on and it is ours to preserve. It serves as guidance for every generation to struggle for the world we need. It is for us to learn and pass on.

International Women's Day Celebration

Saturday, March 8th @ 12pm

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