



Media Advisory

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Back-to-School Stress Relief: Dial 2-1-1

2-1-1 connects families with back-to-school immunizations, services

SAN FRANCISCO, August 6, 2007 -- August is "back-to-school time." The tasks of updating immunizations and sorting out tutoring and after-school care can be very challenging for parents and students.

2-1-1 can help make this hectic time of year a bit easier. By simply dialing "2-1-1" in San Francisco or Santa Clara Counties, families can get answers to questions such as:

- Where can my child get a low-cost physical exam?
- Where can my child receive low-cost immunizations?
- Are there after-school programs in our neighborhood?
- What tutoring or mentoring services are available near my home?

Families calling from outside San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties should dial 800-273-6222 to obtain the same information.

About 2-1-1

For every day needs and in times of disaster, 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember, toll-free phone number that connects Bay Area residents with community services, such as food, shelter, counseling, employment assistance, quality child care and more. Operated in the Bay Area by United Way, Eden I&R and Contra Costa Crisis Center, 2-1-1 is confidential and available 24 hours a day in more than 150 languages. 2-1-1 also serves as a vital link for individuals seeking to volunteer and provide resources to nonprofit organizations. United Way's introduction of 2-1-1 in San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties is part of a regional plan to establish integrated 2-1-1 service throughout the Bay Area. Callers can also reach 2-1-1 by dialing 800-273-6222. For TTY, dial 415-808-4440. The 2-1-1 Bay Area regional network is supported by Chevron Corp. Learn more at www.211bayarea.org.

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