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Concussion Symposium to Address Athlete Safety in Kern County

New Consortium Focuses on Prevention of Sports-related Head Injuries

Bakersfield, CA (Aug. 12, 2014) – A free public symposium hosted by the Kern County Concussion Consortium (KCCC) and sponsored by the Kern High School District will focus on efforts to prevent sports-related head trauma in local youths.

Event details:

Date: Saturday, September 6, 2014
Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Kern High School District E.O.C Building
5801 Sundale Ave., Bakersfield, CA
RSVP: Alyxis Hedrick, Centre for Neuro Skills; email: ahedrick@neuroskills.com by August 29; continental breakfast will be served

The KCCC was formed this year to address proper evaluation and treatment of concussion in Kern County athletes. The organization is comprised of citizens, healthcare providers, educators, and school officials who are collaborating to improve awareness and medical best practices for treatment.

Each year, hundreds of children and adolescents experience a concussion from playing sports. Many of them may sustain a concussion but it is not properly identified, diagnosed, or treated. Their coach, parent, official, teacher, or healthcare provider may not recognize the signs. Nationally, emergency departments treat an estimated 173,285 sports-related brain injuries each year, yet many children never access proper care.

To discuss these issues, the symposium will bring together a multidisciplinary group of practitioners and educators involved in concussion management, from the playing field to medical rehabilitation.

Three distinguished guest speakers are featured:

- Dr. Mark J. Ashley, ScD, CCC-SLP, CCM, CBIST, president/CEO of Centre for Neuro Skills, Bakersfield, CA
- Dr. William F. Baker, Jr., MD, FACP, FIATH, associate clinical professor of medicine, UCLA Center for the Health Sciences
- Dr. Christopher C. Giza, MD, director, UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSPORT program; professor, Division of Pediatric Neurology, Mattel Children's Hospital – UCLA, and David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

For more information on the event, please contact Alyxis Hedrick at (661) 473-3960.

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