

minority **HEALTH**

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Who we are:

The Minority Health Section was established administratively by the State Health Officer in May 1991. The Minority Health Section is located within the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health of the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Our Mission:

Improve the health status of minority populations

Improve access to quality health care services for minorities and underserved populations

Promote minority presence and participation in health planning and policy formation

Enhance and promote public awareness of health care needs of minority populations.

What are we doing:

Assist community-based organizations identify community resources and potential funding sources

Promote communication and interaction statewide to learn about health problems and to improve service access

Engage the communities by holding public meetings, community forums and participating in activities

Serve as liaison to community organizations, other states, national organizations and the federal government.

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APRIL IS NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

Salud Para La Familia Latina

The Alabama Department of Public Health, Family Health Services Bureau and the Minority Health Section in conjunction with the Hispanic Ministry at Frazer Methodist Church will sponsor a program "Salud Para La Familia Latina" (Health for the Latino Family) for the Latinos living in Montgomery and surrounding counties on April 1, 2006 at Frazer Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama. The program will focus on health awareness for the entire family. For additional information contact Julia Hayes at 334-206-3812.

Designing Healthy Communities, Raising Kids

National observance for National Public Health Week is from April 3-9, 2006. This year's theme is Designing Healthy Communities, Raising Kids. The American Public Health Association will aim to improve the understanding of the relationship between built environments-homes, schools, parks and community design and the health and safety of children by promoting solutions that families, communities, and policy-makers can use to improve children's health in their communities.

Press Release Disseminates Disparities for Mental Health

On April 7, 2006 the Alabama Department of Mental Health /Mental Retardation will issue press releases discussing the existing disparities for mental health services among minority groups. The press release will reference data from the 2004 President's New Freedom Commission and the 2000 Surgeon General's Report.

Montgomery AIDS Walk

Montgomery AIDS Outreach's annual AIDS Walk will be on April 8, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at Blount Cultural Park, Montgomery, Alabama. Montgomery AIDS Outreach is a nonprofit organization that provides HIV prevention education and medical care for HIV-positive individuals. For more information call Kenny Lignon at 334-221-8630.

2006 Diabetes and Obesity Conference: Obesity in Children and Type 2 Diabetes

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Alabama Department of Public Health are co-sponsoring the 2006 Diabetes and Obesity Conference on April 5-7, 2006 at Auburn University Montgomery. The conference objective is to help people who are diabetic and

those who love them learn to manage their diabetic condition. Also this year the conference will focus on childhood obesity and some strategies for its prevention. For additional information contact Dr. Evelyn F. Crayton at 334-844-7007 or visit www.aces.edu/diabetesconf.

The State Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

The State of Alabama Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board and The Children's Trust Fund invite you to discover what is happening at the national, state, and local levels by attending the 2006 State Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention on April 6, 2006 at the Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The 15th Annual Continuing Education Conference in Obstetrics and Gynecology

The University of South Alabama, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The University of South Alabama, College of Medicine, and The March of Dimes are sponsoring the 15th Annual Conference in Obstetrics and Gynecology on April 6-7, 2006 at the Mobile Convention Center, Mobile, Alabama. The conference will focus on current topics of clinical relevance impacting the fields of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Neonatology and present new information in the clinical practice of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health. For additional information contact Gina Mikkelsen at (251) 415-1550 or (251) 415-1568.

American Heart Walk

Jackson Hospital and American Heart Association are sponsoring the American Heart Walk on April 8, 2006 at the Riverwalk Stadium, Montgomery, Alabama. For more information, call 334-223-1700.

Hale County Health Fair

The Hale County Health Fair, sponsored by The Community Care Network, Kid One Transport and the Mountain Brook Community Church, will be held on April 8, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Armory, Greensboro, Alabama. Free health screenings for blood pressure, breast/ prostate cancer, cholesterol, dental exams, diabetes, vision and more. There will be a Fun Zone for the kids. For more information contact Lindsay Murray at 205-978-1017.

Volunteer Symposium

The Alabama Department of Public Health is offering a Volunteer Symposium on April 4-5, 2006 at the Outlaw Convention Center - Mobile, Alabama to enhance the capabilities of our volunteer work force to respond to a public health emergency. Topics will include Personal Protective Equipment, Special Populations, Volunteer Self Care, and set up of a Field Hospital. To register go to http://adph.org/PROFESSIONAL_SERVICES or call Maury A. West, LGSW at (334) 206-3383.

State Obesity Task Force

The next Obesity Task Force meeting will be held on April 12, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Alabama Power Company's Waterworks in Clanton, AL. For additional information contact Miriam Gaines at 334-206-5649 or email her at mgaines@adph.state.al.us.

"Dealing with issues of Health with the Underserved Population"

Franklin Primary Health Center, Mobile Alabama is hosting a presentation "Dealing with issues of Health with the Underserved Population" on April 12, 2006 at the Prichard Community Center. Nutrition and Diabetes Classes will be offered every Wednesday during the month of April at 9:00am at the Medical Mall. These activities are to help with eliminating health disparities in Alabama.

Walk of Life

The Walk of Life benefiting the Joy to Life Foundation will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at Paterson Field, in downtown Montgomery. Your support and commitment is so vital to the fight to stop breast cancer. For additional information or to register for the walk, visit their website at www.joytolife.org. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, call Leigh Ann at Metro Fitness at (334) 396-0040.

Breast Cancer Awareness

The Breast Cancer Awareness Preconference Workshop, hosted by the University of AL Institute for Rural Health Research and the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Tuscaloosa Campus will be held on April 19, 2006 at the Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa, AL. Registration at: <http://rhc.ua.edu> or call 205-348-0025.

Medical Spanish

Medical Spanish Preconference Workshop, hosted by the University of AL Institute for Rural Health Research and the University of Alabama School of Medicine,

Tuscaloosa Campus will be held on April 19, 2006 at the Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa, AL. Registration at: <http://rhc.ua.edu> or call 205-348-0025.

Functional Foods: The New Medicine

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System Urban and Nontraditional Programs Unit in conjunction with the Alabama A & M University are sponsoring the 2006 Urban Rural Interface Conference "Functional Foods: The New Medicine" on April 20, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Research Park, Huntsville, Alabama. Functional foods are foods or food substances designed to lower the risk or delay the onset of certain diseases. For additional information call Dr. Cathy Sabota at 256-372-4257 or visit

<http://webspaace.aamu.edu/ag/sps/FunctionalFoodsConference/FunctionalFoods.html>.

The Emerging Faces of Health Disparities in Alabama: The Hispanic Experience

The 7th Annual Rural Health Conference "The Emerging Faces of Health Disparities in Alabama: The Hispanic Experience", hosted by the University of AL Institute for Rural Health Research and the University of Alabama School of Medicine, will be held on April 20-21, 2006 at the Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa, AL This conference will bring together individuals who share a common interest in improving the health of rural communities throughout Alabama. For more information, contact the Institute for Rural Health Research at (205) 348-0025 or visit the conference website at <http://rhc.ua.edu>.

United Cherokee 8th Annual Festival and Native American POW WOW

The 8th Annual Festival and POW WOW is hosted by the United Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation (UCAN) on April 21-23, 2006 at the National Guard Armory, Guntersville, Alabama. For more information call UCAN Tribal Center at 256-582-2333 or Joyce Dixon at 256-878-8342.

2006 Commemoration Celebration of The Presidential Apology for the USPHS Syphilis Study

The Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care will hold the 2006 Commemoration Celebration of the Presidential Apology for the USPHS Syphilis Study on April 21, 2006 at Tuskegee University, Alabama. For more information call Mrs. Beverly Ebo at 334-725-2319 or Mrs. Patricia Pugh at 334-724-4554.

**Earth Day Festival Celebration - DIET AGENDA
FOR A HEALTHY PEOPLE**

Yemi Bates-Jones and Hank Jones from the Purification Garden will be hosting a presentation at the "Earth Day Festival Celebration" about the Diet Agenda for A Healthy People, on April 22, 2006 at the Shanti Villa, 1585 AL Hwy 199, Tuskegee, AL. It will be from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. and the cost will be \$8.00 for admission. For more information call 334-421-9045.

Barbour County Hispanic Festival

The Barbour County Hispanic Coalition will have a family festival for the Hispanics living in the county on April 22, 2006 at the Parish Hall of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Eufaula, Alabama. For additional information contact Hallie Delon at 334-687-2511.

Health Fair & Family Fun Day

The Lowndes County Children's Policy Council (LCCPC) and the Lowndes County Head Start are sponsoring a health fair and family fun day on April 22, 2006 from 10a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Whitehall Municipal Complex, Whitehall, Alabama. To participate or to have an information booth please call LCCPC at 334-548-2591 or send an email to terri.bozeman@alacourt.gov.

NBC 13 Health and Wellness Festival

NBC 13 will be sponsoring the Health and Wellness Festival on April 26-27, 2005 at the Birmingham Jefferson County Civic Center, Birmingham, AL.

Honoring the Past, Strengthening the Future

The Alabama Head Start Program is celebrating their 40th Anniversary, "Honoring the Past, Strengthening the Future" on April 25-26, 2006 and it will be held at the Joe L. Reed Acadome, Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama. Head Start will be celebrating forty years of achievement and commitment to children and families. For additional information or to register contact Linda Hampton at 334-328-2565.

"DIET AGENDA FOR A HEALTHY PEOPLE"

The Purification Garden will be having a series of mini workshops on Wellness Enhancement at the Black Freedmen's Living Historical Farm in Furman, Alabama on April 29, 2006 from Noon to 4 P.M. This is a free event. The focus will be on the Benefits of Meditation, Breathwork, Yoga, Reflexology, etc. For more information call Yemi Bates-Jones at 334-691-3931.

Brazos Abiertos (Open Arms)

The Hispanic Provider Network of Tuscaloosa will sponsor a family event for the Latinos living in Tuscaloosa County on April 30, 2006 at the Northport Civic Center from 1-5 p.m. Brazos Abiertos will offer health screenings and other educational activities targeting the Latino family. For additional information contact Ken Leistico at 205-462-1000.

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