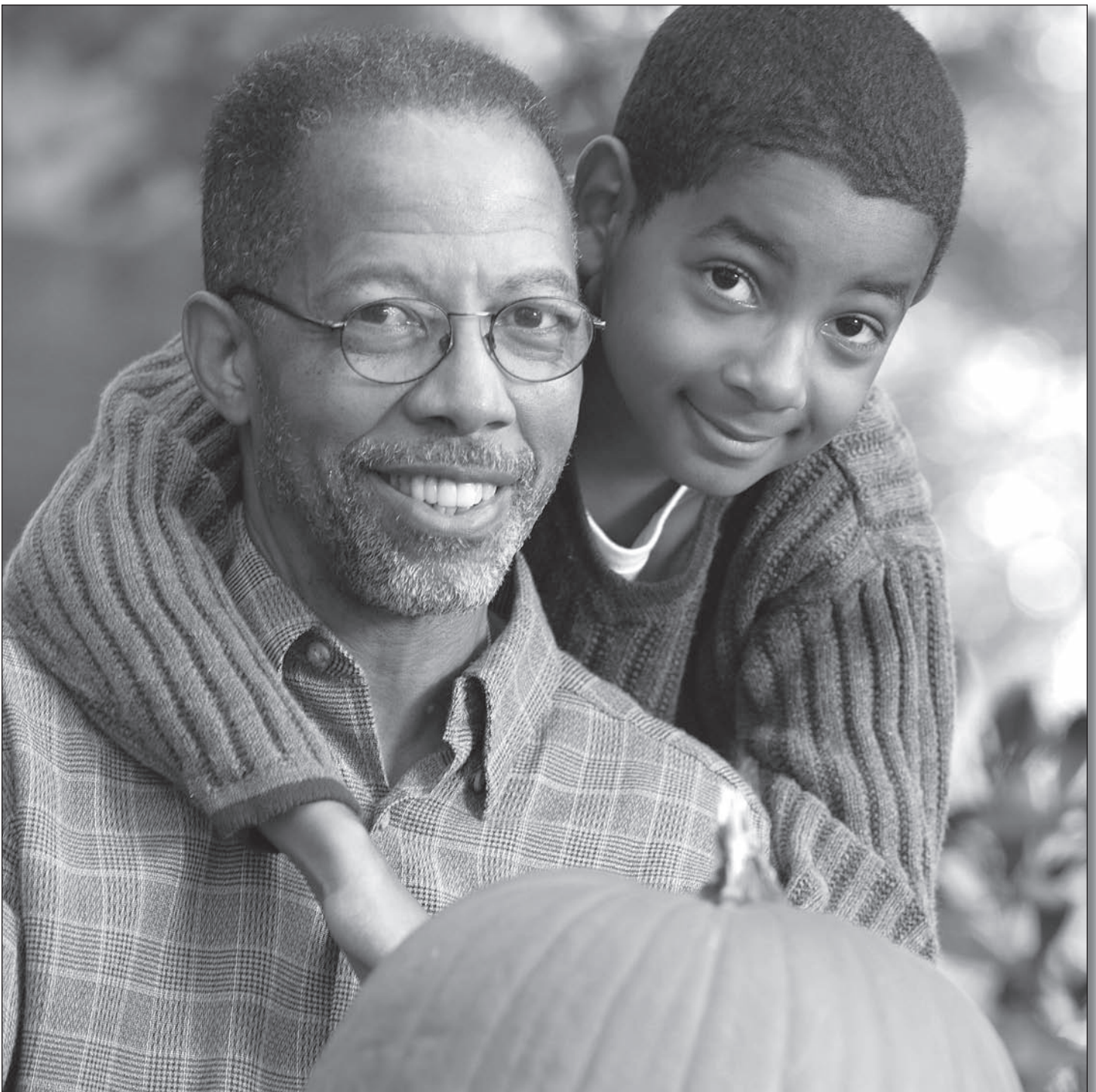


Minority Health

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Improving minority health improves Alabama's health

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER EVENTS

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

REACH 2020 Montgomery CHAAP Meeting will host the 3rd Annual First Lady's Tea to kick off their Breast Cancer Awareness Program. The event will be Saturday, October 7, 2006, at the Montgomery Public Library on Lawrence Street. The public is invited to participate. For registration contact Mrs. Rosa Posey, at (334) 281-4240.

Health, Safety and Awareness Fair

The Healthcare Ministry of Mt. Hebron Church Ministries is hosting a Health, Safety and Awareness Fair to be held at Mt. Hebron Church Ministries, 2531 Berkley Avenue, Mobile, Alabama on October 7, 2006, 9:00 am-12 Noon. To receive a brochure or any additional information please contact Mr. Timothy Wiggins at (334) 380-9092 or Minister Mary Harris at (334) 454-9716.

Free Screening for Breast Cancer

The DCH Cancer Treatment Center and the DCH Foundation, Inc. are proud to sponsor free screenings for breast cancer to the Latino community on October 10, 2006, at the DCH Cancer Treatment Center, Tuscaloosa, AL. At this screening women that qualify will receive a clinical breast exam, a voucher for a free mammogram, and education on how to do self breast exams. To make an appointment please call (205) 343-8493.

Women's Symposium: Our lives, Ourselves

Public Health Area II and Stillman College will host their annual Women's Symposium, "Our Lives, Ourselves" on October 21, 2006, at Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL. For

registration or additional information contact Marilyn Knight at (205) 554-4526.

Strengthening Family Centered Communities: Reaching New Heights

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System Urban Affairs & New Nontraditional Programs Unit is sponsoring their 2006 Annual Family Conference on October 5, 2006, at the Von Braun Center, North Hall, in Huntsville, AL. The Annual Family Conference is an Extension medium to address timely issues affecting families, children, and individuals. The Family Conference combines communities and the voices of professionals in a number of fields with an interest in families and children. For Conference registration contact Mrs. Susan Glover at (256) 372-4946 or visit the website at: www.acesfamilyconference.org.

Osteoarthritis and Gout Management

The Alabama Arthritis Control Program, Arthritis Prevention and Treatment Coalition meeting, is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. at the Vaughn Forest Baptist Church, 8660 Vaughn Drive in Montgomery. Awards will be presented to arthritis self-management instructors during lunch. The theme of this year's meeting is osteoarthritis and gout management. For more information call Melanie Rightmyer (334)206-3977 or visit website: www.adph.org/arthritis.

Alabama's Workforce Development Conference

The Alabama Office of Workforce Development is hosting a State Workforce Development Conference October 11-13, 2006, at the

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*"Harness the power
of culture. Culture has
a compelling power to
draw people together
across racial and
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provide a platform on
to which to relate"*

*Tavis Smiley,
Political Commentator*

Sheraton Hotel and Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex in downtown Birmingham, Alabama. The conference theme is: Workforce Development = Economic Development: Alabama's Formula for Success." Registration forms for you as an attendee or as an exhibitor are posted on the Office of Workforce Development website at www.owd.alabama.gov or for additional information call (334) 242-5159. Hotel registration can be made by phone or by going to the following website at www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/workforce06.

Binational Day of Health

Cooper Green Hospital and the Consulate of Mexico in Atlanta, GA invite you to the Binational Day of Health on October 7, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the public parking lot of Cooper Green Hospital in Birmingham, AL. Activities will include free tests and information for diabetes, high blood pressure, HIV/AIDS, and asthma. There will be entertainment and activities for the entire family. For additional information contact Zaida Jones at 205-930-3468.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The Veterans Affairs Hospital and Holy Spirit Church in Tuscaloosa are sponsoring a social services event celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month on October 7, 2006 at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Tuscaloosa, AL. There will be activities for the entire family. For additional information about this event contact Dorothy McDade at 205-553-9733.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Redesigned for Prevention

The Diabetes and Cardiovascular Branches of the Alabama Department of Public Health are sponsoring the 2006 conference "Redesigned for Prevention" on November 1, 2006, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, in Montgomery, AL. This will be a one day meeting from 9-5 and lunch will be provided. For additional information or registration contact Cindy Signore at (334) 657-8585 or email at ccyndigr17@aol.com.

Bereavement in Hospice and Palliative Care: Helping Those with Complicated Grief

The University of Alabama Professional Development is sponsoring the 23rd Annual Grief & Bereavement Seminar "Bereavement in Hospice and Palliative Care: Helping Those with

Complicated Grief" on November 9, 2006, at the Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa, AL. For more information call Amanda Al-Betar at (205) 348-9966 or visit the website at: <http://pdcs.ccs.ua.edu/health>.

Building Blocks for Healthy Living

Universal Sisters is celebrating their health and soul event "Building Blocks for Healthy Living 2006" on November 18, 2006, at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center Montgomery, AL. For more information about this event please call 1-866-794-4636 or visit at: www.universalsisters.com.

Save-the-Date! Healthy Worksites Workshop

The Alabama Department of Public Health (American Heart Association) is sponsoring a one day Healthy Worksites Workshop on Friday, November 3, 2006, at the Montgomery County Health Department Auditorium in Montgomery, AL. The workshop will offer information on what companies are doing to promote health at their worksite, and how partnering with local organizations can greatly benefit. For additional information or to register call Ruth Wilson at (334) 206-5030.

Training Opportunity

A Volunteer Symposium will be held November 8 and 9, 2006, at the Outlaw Convention Center in Mobile, Alabama. Registration will be from 11:00 AM on the 9th and will end at 4:30 PM. This training is designed to prepare our volunteer staff to respond to a public health emergency. Please contact Maury A. West, LGSW at 334-206-3383 to pre-register.

"Don't Play with your Health"

The Promotores de Salud of St. Vincents & UAB Preventative Medicine is sponsoring a soccer event with the Latino American Soccer

League on November 11, 2006, at the Hoover Metropolitan Stadium in Hoover, Alabama from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. For more information call Maria Dumpson at (205) 930-2657.

DECEMBER EVENTS

"Stop AIDS, Keep the promise, Save Our Children"

World AIDS Day is an annual health campaign aimed at raising global awareness of HIV and AIDS." World AIDS Day will be observed on December 1, 2006, and this year's theme is "Stop AIDS Keep the promise, Save Our Children". Contact your local HIV/AIDS agency to participate in the event.

Keep the Promise Ribbon

The AIDS Outreach of EAMC (East Alabama Medical Center) will hold its annual World AIDS Day event on December 1, 2006. In recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the AIDS epidemic, AIDS Outreach will organize the formation of the Keep the Promise Ribbon. The Keep the Promise Ribbon will consist of more than 300 community members, donning red t-shirts, at Auburn University's newly named Hutsell-Rosen Track on December 1, 2006. The Keep the Promise Ribbon will serve as a reminder that HIV has not gone away, and that there are many things still to be done. The AIDS Outreach of EAMC would like to invite your high school students to take part in the Keep the Promise Ribbon and other educational experiences from 10am-1pm CST on December 1, 2006. The educational experience will include: Keep the Promise Ribbon, 25 Year History of HIV and AIDS in the United States, HIV/AIDS and Abstinence Information, A display of the AIDS Quilt, and Keep the Promise Poster Contest. If you have any questions concerning AIDS Outreach of EAMC, to participate, and/or assist in the World AIDS Day Event, please

National Conferences 2006

New from NASHP: Leaders with Nerves of Steel

The National Academy for State Health Policy is sponsoring their 19th Annual State Health Policy Conference on October 15-17, 2006, in Pittsburgh. This once-a-year conference gives you the opportunity to explore emerging issues and challenge the experience of others, and network and explore solutions. The complete conference schedule, program information forms are available on the conference 2006 page of the NASHP Web site at www.nashp.org/newscenter or for additional information call (207) 874-6524.

Paradigms of Health for Communities of Color: Moving Beyond Hope

The Nebraska Health and Human Services System will host the 2006 Nebraska Minority Health Conference on October 31-November 1, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center, in Kearney, NE. The conference addresses health and disparities of racial/ethnic minorities, Native Americans, refugees, and newly arrived immigrants. For information on exhibit booths and sponsorship, contact the Office of Minority Health at (402) 471-0152 or please visit: www.hhss.ne.gov/minorityhealth.

National Public Health Stroke Summit: Eliminating Disparities in Stroke

The National Stroke Association will be sponsoring their 2006 National Public Health Stroke Summit on December 6-8, 2006, at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel in Chicago, IL. This year's summit theme is "Eliminating Disparities in Stroke". The focus will encompass disparities across race/ethnic groups, socioeconomic status, gender, and geography. Check the NSA website for an updated Summit agenda as the date gets closer. If you have questions about the Summit and/or registration

please contact Julie Haynes at 303-754-0915 or by email at jhaynes@stroke.org. The direct link to register or download registration forms for the Summit: <http://www.stroke.org/site/PageServer?pagename=PHS>.

National Prevention Summit: Prevention, Preparedness, and Promotion

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will host the 3rd National Prevention Summit on October 26-27, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, in Washington, D.C. The Summit will focus on disease prevention, health preparedness, and health promotion and will feature innovative programs that are making a difference in communities across the country to build a healthier United States. To register for the Summit, please visit: www.healthierus.gov/steps/summit.html.

National Women's Law Center Annual Awards Dinner

The National Women's Law Center, a champion for women and their families, will hold its Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at the Washington Hilton Hotel and Towers. You can show your commitment to women and their families by supporting this important event. Please respond to Marcia Greenberger & Nancy Duff Campbell at info@nwlc.org.

Upcoming LAF Survivorship Summit and Survey Reminder

The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) recently announced our inaugural LIVESTRONG Summit, scheduled for October 27-29, 2006, in Austin, Texas. Through the LIVESTRONG Summit, we plan to lead a survivorship movement to broaden awareness and impact the unmet physical, emotional and practical needs of people living with cancer. Please consider applying at www.livestrong.org/summit. The

application deadline is August 1, 2006. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Rechis Oelker at survey@laf.org or (512) 279-8414.

Public Health and Human Rights

The American Public Health Association will host its 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition on November 4-8, 2006, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in Boston, MA. For additional information visit: www.apha.org/meetings.

Expanding the Agenda for Rural Mental Health Services Research: Focus on the Rural Woman

Pennsylvania State University is hosting their 2006 National Rural Women's Health Conference on November 16-18, 2006, at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Rural Women's health is a relatively new focus of research, and mental health services research is an area that needs greater focus on rural women. This conference will provide information related to rural mental health services research and is designed for health-care and social service professionals who work with rural women and for educators, researchers, consumers, and policy makers with an interest in rural women's health. For more information or to register online call: (717) 531-6483, email: ContinuingEd@hmc.psu.edu, website: www.hmc.psu.edu/cc/RWH2006.

How to Write Grants and Understand the Evaluation Process Workshop

The How to Write Grants and Understand the Evaluation Process Workshop will not only teach you how to write and submit a successful grant application, but you will learn tips to beat your competition by creating an application that wins high peer review points. Also, you will learn how to better understand the grant review process. Any nonprofit or for-profit

organization that has not—or has! -- been successful at winning government grants and cooperative agreements should attend. The grants writing training will be on October 25, 2006, at the Market Access Training Center, in Arlington, VA. For registration information, please contact Pamela Greenstein, (703) 807-2758. For agenda information contact Kimberly Hovda, (703) 894-1096.

Innovative Strategies in Challenging Times

“The International Mobile Health Association is dedicated to the development, enhancement and

implementation of global mobile health services that promote access to health care” is sponsoring The Sixth International Conference on Mobile Health will begin on Friday, November 17, at 8 a.m. and will be completed by noon Sunday, November 19, 2006, at the JW Marriott Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information visit our website at: www.internationalmobilehealthassociation.org.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference will cover all aspects of emergency management

planning and response for people with disabilities, the elderly, pediatric populations, and animal issues. Recent disasters have made us aware of plans and operational procedures related to response and recovery to these populations in any natural or non-natural disaster. The conference will be on December 13-14, 2006, held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW Washington DC. The agenda can be found on the conference webpage at <http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/hdl/conf>. For registration/payment information, contact Pamela Greenstein at (703) 807-2758.

Announcements

Shelter and Support Services for Homeless Families

Family Promise of Montgomery accepts homeless families in a 24-hour program providing: overnight accommodations, three meals a day, day center (7 days a week), personalized case management, van transportation, support from volunteers, and community support referrals. To make a referral, please contact the Director-Beth Ann Marra or Assistant Director-Alana N. Norman at (334) 265-2010.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Rural Health Outreach Grant

The Office of Rural Health Policy’s Health Care Services Outreach Program encourages the development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential care services. The emphasis of the grant program is on service delivery through creative strategies requiring the grantee to form a consortium with at least two additional partners. The applicant must be a public and non-profit

private entity, including faith-based and community organizations. The applicant organization must be located in rural counties or eligible census tracts within an urban county. For further information or to view the announcement, go to <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=A5452B55-95B2-43AD-99FA-EC3BA4814E27> Deadline to apply October 18, 2006.

Rural Health Network Development (RHND) Grant Program

The Rural Health Network Development Program is to support the development of rural health networks, whose purpose is to increase access to care by overcoming the fragmentation and vulnerability of providers in rural areas. Grant funds are used to support activities that strengthen capabilities of these networks. Grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipient organizations to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community

facilities, or community and economic development. The applicant must be a public or non-profit entity that represents a network that includes at least three or more health care providers. Approximately \$1 million will be available to fund three or four awards of up to \$180,000 annually for a three year project. Applications are due November 2, 2006. The program announcement is at: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=74D82F92-OA6D-426E-AOC6-D40715E218CD>.

USDA/RCDI Grants

The U. S. Department of Agriculture/Rural Community Development Initiative Congress initially created the Rural Community Initiative (RCDI) in FY 2000 to develop the capacity and ability of nonprofit organizations, low-income rural communities, or federally recognized tribes to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development in rural areas. Grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipient

organizations to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. Approximately \$6 million will be awarded in FY 2006 for the RCDI. The respective minimum and maximum grant amount per intermediary is \$50,000 and \$300,000. Applications are due by October 10, 2006. For more information contact William Kenney at (202) 720-1506 or William.kenney@wdc.usda.gov. For details click on: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=10294>><http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=10294>.

Rheumatic Diseases Research Core Centers

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) invites applications for research core centers (P30s) in rheumatic diseases. The Rheumatic Diseases Research Core Centers

(RDCCs) will provide the resources for a number of established, currently funded investigators, often from different disciplines, to adopt a multidisciplinary approach to common research problems in rheumatic diseases and to ensure greater productivity than from each of the separate projects. Eligible agencies of the Federal Government can apply. Up to \$1.8 million in total costs (Direct costs plus Facilities and Administrative costs) may be awarded in support of this solicitation. The closing date for applications is by November 28, 2006. For more information visit website at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AR-06-004.html>.

Clinical Research Education and Career Development (CRECD) in Minority Institutions

The National Center for Research Resources joins National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Heart, Lung, and

Blood Institute, National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Arthritis on Drug Abuse, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases and National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in inviting minority institutions with professional schools offering doctoral degrees in one or more health care disciplines to apply for a Clinical Research Education and Career Development (CRECD) Grant. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is intended to encourage both current CRECD awardees institutions in the final year of funding and eligible institutions that have not received previous CRECD award to apply. A successful program will result in an accredited master's degree program to produce trained clinical researchers who can become part of translational and/or patient-oriented research projects. For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RR-06-003.html>.

Health News and Views



CDC's Advisory Committee Recommends Human Papillomavirus Virus Vaccination

CDC's Advisory Committee Recommends Human Papillomavirus Virus Vaccination Vaccine considered highly effective in preventing infections that are the cause of most cervical cancers. The Advisory Committee

on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted Thursday to recommend that a newly licensed vaccine designed to protect against human papillomavirus (HPV) be routinely given to girls when they are 11-12 years old. The ACIP recommendation also allows for vaccination of girls beginning at nine years old as well as vaccination of girls and women 13-26 years old. HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer in women. HPV is the most commonly sexually transmitted infection in the United States. More than 20 million men and women in the United States are currently infected with HPV and there are 6.2 million new infections each year. HPV is most common in young women and men who are in their late teens and early 20s. By age 50, at least 80 percent

of women will have acquired HPV infection. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov.

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) Katrina Mental Health Grant

ADAP is part of the nationwide federally mandated protection and advocacy system. Their mission is to provide quality, legally-based advocacy services to Alabamians with disabilities in order to protect, promote and expand their rights. ADAP has received funding to provide mental health services to Katrina evacuees. For information on services provided please contact Andy Akin or Elaine Gallion at (205) 348-4928, 1-800-826-1675 for clients instate only or visit www.adap.net.

The Information Corner

► **Immunization Registry to open up for Pharmacist Participation**

The Alabama Immunization Registry will be opened for participation by pharmacists in the mid to later part of September. This registry will allow pharmacists to access immunization records for their patients who receive immunizations. The Registry will allow pharmacists to avoid duplication of immunization to patients as well as allow pharmacists to post a patient's immunization to the list. Further details about how to participate will be sent out at a later date. If you have any questions please contact Charles C. Thomas, State Pharmacy Director, at (334) 206-5666 or email: charliethomas@adph.state.al.us.

► **Free Screening Program Available in Your Area**

The American Cancer Society estimates that nationwide 212,920 women will be diagnosed with Breast Cancer in 2006—and, 9,710 will be diagnosed with cervical cancer. The Alabama Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (ABCCEDP) targets women who meet the following eligibility criteria: Age 40-64, Uninsured or Insurance that does not cover program services, Household income of no more than 200% of the federal poverty level. However, women of *any age* who meet other program criteria and have a breast problem can be brought into the program. An eligible woman receives: Free annual pelvic exam and pap smear, Free clinical breast exam, Free screening mammogram for women age 50-64. Call 1-877-234-1456 to locate the program provider nearest you.

► **Alabama Indian Affairs Special Event**

The Alabama Indian Affairs Commission wants to know are you interested in sitting on the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission Board. There are two qualifications required: 1) Must be a member of a federally-recognized Indian tribe, besides the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, 2) Must live in the state of Alabama. For more information please call Ben Moreira at (334) 242-2831.

Let's Just Play Go Healthy Challenge

Researchers report that this generation of youth could be the first not to outlive their parents, due largely to the sedentary lifestyle of kids today. Let's do something about this before it's too late! Take Action Now by enrolling your children in the Let's Just Play Go Healthy Challenge at www.nick.com/letsjustplay

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation - a joint initiative of the American Heart Association and the **William J. Clinton Foundation** - has joined forces with Nickelodeon in a multi-media campaign for kids to motivate other kids to become more active. The Let's Just Play Go Healthy Challenge encourages kids to make a big difference in their health by adopting four simple lifestyle changes. The goal is that these small changes will become lifelong healthy habits.

The campaign has been very well received by kids, generating the web excitement equal to the very popular Sponge Bob Square Pants! Our kids are excited about this fitness challenge. We just need help in getting the word out. Will you help us get the word out to kids and parents in your area?

Kids can enroll in the Go Healthy Challenge when visiting www.nick.com/letsjustplay and selecting a kid role model to follow. The web site also contains a message board, details about the kid role model to follow. The web site also contains a message board, details about the kid role models and additional tips on staying active.

Help to promote the Challenge

The Let's Just Play Go Healthy Challenge leads up to the World Wide Day of Play on Saturday, September 30th when Nickelodeon will go dark to inspire kids to turn off the TV and go outside and play!

National Health Observances 2006

OCTOBER

- ▶ Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- ▶ National Depression Screening Day
- ▶ Mental Illness Awareness Week (5-11)
- ▶ National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- ▶ National Family Sexuality Education Month
- ▶ National Dental Hygiene Month
- ▶ National Spinal Health Month
- ▶ Healthy Lung Month
- ▶ National Lupus Awareness Month
- ▶ Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month
- ▶ Family Health Month
- ▶ National Mammography Day (15)

NOVEMBER

- ▶ Alzheimer's Awareness Month
- ▶ National Diabetes Month
- ▶ Child Safety Protection Month
- ▶ National Epilepsy Month
- ▶ National Adoption Week
- ▶ Great American Smokeout Day

DECEMBER

- ▶ National Aplastic Anemia Awareness Week
- ▶ National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month
- ▶ National Hand Washing Awareness Week
- ▶ Safe Toys Month
- ▶ World AIDS Day



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