

Minority Health

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Improving minority health improves Alabama's health

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER EVENTS

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Alabama Kids Count Series Conference

Voices for Alabama's Children will be hosting a conference on Friday, October 5, 2007, in Birmingham, AL. For additional information contact Rhonda Mann (334) 213-2410, Ext. 107, or visit website at: www.alavoices.org.

Extension's 2007 Annual Family Conference

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System is having a "Strengthening Family-Centered Communities: A Focus on Health Literacy" Conference on October 10-11, 2007, at the Von Braun Center, North Hall in Huntsville, AL. This conference will offer an array of dynamic speakers, workshops, and exhibits to inspire you to develop or renew community outreach programs that strengthen family-centered communities. This conference is designed to engage family service providers such as social and case workers, family counselors, educators, health professionals, advocates, administrators, faith-based communities, the public, and Extension staff. Visit for more information at www.acesfamilyconference.org.

Cancer Education in Minority and Underserved Populations

The University of Alabama at Birmingham and The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center is inviting you to their 41st ACE Annual Meeting on October 11-13, 2007, at the Sheraton Hotel, in Birmingham, AL. At the meeting you will be able to present and discuss your work—oral papers, poster, workshops and curricular exhibits. Exhibit/demonstrate your edu-

cational curricula/supporting materials. Meet people who can help your career. Earn continuing education credits, CME, Nursing CEU, CHES, and enjoy a great hotel, good food, including 2 receptions. For details, www.aaceonline.com or call (858) 534-3940, toll-free (888) 229-6263.

Registration for Hepatitis Training

The Hepatitis Division is having a Hepatitis Training Session on October 12, 2007, in Montgomery, AL. You will need to complete the registration form and email it or fax it in. This program is first come first served with limited seating. The Program begins at 7:30 AM with breakfast snacks and sign-in. Your training will start @ 8:00 AM. For more information please contact Ronada Anderson at (334) 206-7974.

Spanish Services Offered

The Montgomery Area Episcopal Churches are having a workshop on Hispanic Ministry on October 13, 2007, 9:00 AM-12:00 noon; it would be an excellent time for sharing printed materials. The meeting will be at the Church of Ascension, where our Hispanic ministry is located, in Montgomery, AL. For more info contact Pamela Long at pam@xlanguage.net.

Celebrate Archives Week

The Society of Alabama Archivists will be celebrating Archives Week on October 15-20, 2007 at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. To register, visit www.archives.alabama.gov/whatsnew/workshop.html, or call (334) 242-4363. For more details on Archives Week visit: www.archives.alabama.gov.

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*"Given the broad roots
of this problem it is only
with combined efforts of
all sectors and disciplines
of society...that we can
hope to eliminate racial
and ethnic disparities."*

American Public Health Association
Boston, 2000

SAVE THE DATE

TFA Conference, Positive Change & Tobacco...You Can Make It Happen. To be held October 17 & 18, 2007, at the Dickson Conference Center in Auburn, AL. More details as they become available. Please click our website often for updates, WWW.TOBACCOFREEALABAMA.ORG, or contact Lynne Zaris, Director at (334) 262-1979.

Tuskegee Symposium

The Steering Committee at the HBCU Faculty Development Network would like to invite you to their Fourteenth National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium, October 18-20, 2007, at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, Tuskegee, Alabama. The preconference workshops will showcase several collaborative relationships which have been established to enhance the capacity of HBCUs in community-based par-

ticipatory research (CBPR) and the formation of learning communities. "Promoting Student Success: Making Involvement Matter," is the title of the Friday luncheon presentation by Dr. Vincenzo Tinto of Syracuse University. For more information visit the website at: <http://hbcufdn.org>.

SISTAs Can Survive Coalition, Inc.

Sistas Volunteer Training -This is a certified training open to individuals who would like to volunteer their time and talent to help the organization help survivors and their families. The training will be Saturday, October 20, 2007, 9:00-1:00 PM in Montgomery, AL. Sistas are looking for breast, cervical, prostate and ovarian cancer survivors who would like to be interviewed for their Celebrations Newsletter and/or a feature article with local newspapers. For more information contact Carrie Nelson-Hale, at (334) 356-7478.

Step Out to Fight Diabetes

The ADA Diabetes Walk-a-Thon will be October 20, 2007 at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery, Alabama. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the event starts at 10:00 a.m. All teams should be willing to commit to raising or donating at least \$100. If you have any questions please give Debra Griffin a call at (334) 206-2066.

Literacy Meeting

The Alabama Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Mitchell Cancer Institute, University of South Alabama, will be conducting a workshop on Thursday, October 25, 2007, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Alabama 5 Rivers Coastal Resource Center. The primary purpose of this meeting include the following: 1) to provide ADPH staff with an opportunity to begin to inventory functional health literacy programs and efforts in Alabama, 2) determine what and where are our primary deficiencies, and 3) develop a list of

potential funding sources for expanded functional health literacy efforts in our state. For more information contact Margaret M. Sullivan at (251) 460-6993.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop

The Grant Institute will be conducting a Writing Workshop at Troy University-Montgomery Campus, November 7-9, 2007, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Interested development professionals, researchers, faculty, and graduate students should register as soon as possible, as demand means that seats will fill up quickly. All participants will receive certification in professional grant writing from the Institute. For more information call (888) 824-4424 or visit The Grant Institute at www.thegrantinstitute.com.

23rd Annual Early Intervention Preschool Conference and Disability EXPO

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Alabama is having a pre-conference TIMP/AIMS Training Course for Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists. This two day intermediate level workshop is designed for physical and occupational therapists working with infants from 34 weeks to 18 months adjusted age in a variety of settings including Early Intervention, the NICU and Development Follow-Up Clinics. Participants will gain working knowledge of two assessment tools ideally suited for qualifying at risk infants for Early Intervention, the Test of Infant Motor Performance (TIMP) and the Alberta Infant Motor Scale (AIMS). Visit our website at www.ucpconference.org, or call Jeri Jackson at (205) 823-9226 for further details and information about exhibits, stipends and CEUs. Call Shannon Priddy at (256) 237-8203 about registration.

8th Annual Montgomery County Health Fair

Community Care Network will host this event in conjunction with the Convoy of Hope on Saturday, November 17, 2007, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, at the Garrett Coliseum, Montgomery, AL. For additional information, please call (334) 269-6251.

Health Awareness Forum "LET'S GET AND STAY HEALTHY TOGETHER"

Homeward Bound will host an event on November 30, 2007, at the Central Activities Center, in Phenix City, AL, from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 pm (CST). The event is geared toward all ages, targeting a variety of health issues. Such as: Heart Disease, Bone Density, Diabetes, STD's, HIV/AIDS, Nutritional and much more. There will be various health care agencies, Health Dept., local doctors and community based organizations on hand to perform the FREE health screenings. Homeward Bound will also have a guest speaker. There will be food, door prizes, pamphlets and entertainment on hand. They will also have an educational, fun, and most importantly, an extremely rewarding/beneficial day. Please RSVP by calling (334) 480-9040 and let us know how many are coming from your agency/school.

DECEMBER EVENTS

"Stop AIDS, Keep the promise"

World AIDS Day is an international event; the Focus Program is offering assistance in planning your school and community's prevention activities. World AIDS Day will be observed on December 1, 2007, and this year's theme is "Stop AIDS, Keep the promise." For additional information contact your local HIV/AIDS agency or visit the website at www.thefocus-program.com or www.adph.org.

National Conferences 2007

Mark your Calendar NOW!

The Center for Minority Health, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh will be having their fundraiser and tour of The Mansion (Mt. Washington) on October 6, 2007. The topic for this event will be on "Building Healthy Black Families: Mind, Body and Spirit Where They Live, Work, Worship and Play."

The Annual Management Conference

Governing with the support of NIC, COGNOS, and ORACLE is sponsoring a Managing Performance 2007 Conference on October 10-12, 2007 in New York City, at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge. This conference will connect with other top city, county and state officials from across the country and from every management discipline. Register now to participate in this extraordinary conference online at www.Governing.com/live.htm or call toll free at (866) 271-9450.

Strategic Management of Regulatory and Enforcement Agencies

The SMREA Program at Harvard University will be on October 14-19, 2007. It consists of small group discussions, and case studies to create a stimulating and intellectually rigorous experience. SMREA is designed for senior federal, state, and municipal policymakers and enforcement officials in the U.S. and the international community who oversee, support, or run organizations that have significant regulatory or enforcement components. For more detailed program information, or to apply, please visit www.harvardEE.org/smrea or call (617) 496-0484.

APHA Annual Meeting

The American Public Health Associ-

ation's 135th Annual Meeting & Exposition will be on November 3-7, 2007 in Washington, DC. The theme for this meeting will be "Politics, Policy and Public Health;" it will explore the critical interactions between the political process and public health policy process, as tools to ensure the public's health. For details about the APHA Annual Meeting, visit www.apha.org/meetings.

Children at Risk

The State University of New York will host their Ninth Annual Conference "Children at Risk", on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 8:00 AM to 3:45 PM, at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool, in Syracuse, NY. This conference is a day for nurses who work with infants or children. Featuring exciting keynote speakers, exhibit hall, Primary Care, Acute Care and Palliative Care tracks. There will also be topics to meet the needs of pediatric nurses in every practice setting. For more details visit website at www.upstate.edu/con.

One Family, One Voice, One Spirit

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) invites media to cover USCA 2007 on November 7-10, 2007, at the Palm Springs Convention Center, in Palm Springs, California. There will be over 4,000 HIV/AIDS professionals from federal state AIDS agencies and health departments; faith-and community-based organizations; and AIDS service organizations nationwide are expected to convene in Palm Springs. This year's theme, "One Family, One Voice, One Spirit, reflects the conference and its sponsor's emphasis on collaboration to address the nationwide challenge of HIV/AIDS, especially in communities of color. The meeting's plenary sessions will focus on communities in the United

States heavily important by, and at high risk for, HIV/AIDS since the epidemic began three decades ago. Please visit conference website at: www.2007usca.org to submit a media registration online and/or download a media kit. For more information, please contact Circe J. Gray Le Compte at clecompte@nmac.org or (202) 234-5120, ext. 309.

Convention at a Glance

The National Congress of American Indians will be hosting their 64th Annual Convention in Denver, CO, at the Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center, on November 11-16, 2007. For more information visit: www.ncai.org.

National Prevention and Health Promotion Summit

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will host the 2007 National Prevention and Health Promotion Summit: Creating a Culture of Wellness. We invite partners who have a long history of supporting other meetings to join us, as we foster a culture of wellness that can help us reduce the disease burden and economic impact of some of the nation's leading causes of death and disability. The Summit will be on November 27-29, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, in Washington, DC. For more details visit website: <http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?1Q,p1,A30B2445-1422-431F-B4BD-A8BFE2AD2F47>.

17th Annual Midwest Stream Farmworker Health Forum

The National Center for Farmworker Health, Inc is sponsoring an annual conference on December 6-8, 2007, at the Omni San Antonio Hotel, in

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Action Plan to Stop Childhood Obesity Epidemic

The Childhood Obesity Action Network is asking for your help in spreading the word about the resources available through the Action Network at HYPERLINK “<http://www.nichq.org>” www.nichq.org. You and your colleagues can truly make a difference in the fight against the child obesity epidemic. According to a recently released study from the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, healthcare practitioners can make a difference in changing families’ attitudes and behaviors, even when it comes to weight.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Research on Malignancies in the Context of HIV/AIDS (R21)

The National Institutes of Health purpose of funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to advance our understanding of the risks, development, progression, diagnosis, and treatment of malignancies observed in individuals with an underlying Human Immunodeficiency (HIV) infection or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Through this FOA, the NCI and NIDCR seek to encourage research in areas such as the study of the etiologic factors, cofactors, pathogenesis, and consequences of HIV associated malignancies in (the members of) diverse populations. Research on non-AIDS-defining malignancies in the context of HIV infection is also encouraged. For further information or to view the announcement, go to <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/>

[pa-files/PA-07-454.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-454.html). Deadline for application September 7, 2010.

University Technical Assistance Projects Aimed at Expanding the Delivery of HIV and AIDS Treatment and Care, Strengthening Systems and Improving the Quality of Care in the Republic of South Africa under PEPFAR

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will fund approximately four awards to indigenous South African universities, medical schools and nursing colleges that are implementing HIV-and AIDS –related activities. The purpose of this program is to provide financial and programmatic assistance for HIV and AIDS prevention, care and treatment programs in South Africa. For complete program details, please see the full announcement on the CDC website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/FOAs.htm>. The estimated funding date is prior to November 5, 2007.

Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention

The Health Resources & Services Administration program supports the screening of all newborn infants in the US for hearing loss with timely and appropriate follow-up services for infants who do not pass the initial newborn hearing screen. Grants will be used to promote: (1) Universal hearing screening of all infants born in the US Prior to hospital discharge and screening of out of hospital births by one month of age (2) confirmation of normal hearing/hearing loss before 3 months of age and entry into a program of early intervention before 6 months of age with linkage to a medical home and family to family support programs. The focus of these grants is the reduction of loss to follow-up.

Applications are due by November 06, 2007. For more details visit: <http://www.grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=45B2D9C1-68E5-4A8A-91C5-6716978D39E1>.

Advanced Education Nursing Grants

The Health Resources & Services Administration grants are awarded to eligible institutions for projects that support the enhancement of advanced nursing education and practice. For the purpose of this section, advanced education nurses means individuals trained in advanced degree programs including individuals in combined RN to Master’s degree programs, post-nursing Master’s certificate programs, or in the case of nurse-midwives, in certificate programs in existence on November 12, 1998, to serve as nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurse educators, nurse administrators or public health nurses. The closing date for applications is by December 14, 2007. For more information visit website at: <http://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=630251B8-C169-4C2F-B427-AF544B2101B8>.



National Conferences 2007

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San Antonio, Texas. This conference provides quality, migrant farmworker specific, professional development experiences for professionals in all disciplines within migrant health. The forum offers a multi-track program featuring sessions on clinical topics, model programs, health promotion

and outreach, Federal initiatives, and the latest research about issues related to farmworker health. Participants will have the opportunity to gain continuing education credits in social work, health education, nursing, and medicine as they engage in a wide selection of interactive workshops. For more conference details & registration information, please visit www.NCFH.org.



Health News and Views

THE INFORMATION CORNER

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!

From the Alabama Alliance for Latino Health

The Manpower Medical Clinic is in need of Volunteer Spanish Interpreters (VSI). These VSI will help the Spanish speaking clients to communicate with doctors and nurses at the clinic. The Manpower Clinic is open Tuesdays thru Thursday from 4:30-7:30 PM. Their greatest need is on Tuesdays. They are trying to coordinate the Master Schedule for all VSI. They are very flexible, and would welcome any time VSI can commit to this effort. Thank you so much for all your help. Please feel free to contact Lou San Souci if you need any information at (205) 815-6474 or (205) 542-7404.

The Alabama Department of Senior Services and local Area Agencies on Aging offices have two programs in place to help people with Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free, confidential and unbiased counseling on topics such as Medicare, Medicaid, Long Term Care, and coordination of benefits.

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program teaches seniors how to protect, detect, and report health-care fraud, waste, and abuse. Both programs utilize volunteers who are highly trained and available to provide seniors the assistance they need. The SHIP and SMP Programs have recently formed a statewide Health-care Fraud Advocacy and Outreach Council. The Alabama Department of Public Health is pleased to be an active member on this council along with other state and local agencies, community groups, service providers, and professional associations. The programs have made available a Medicare Protection toolkit. The toolkit includes information you need to protect your Medicare and help you make an informed decision. The toolkit will be available on October 15, 2007. Anyone wishing to receive a free toolkit should call their AAA office at (800) 243-5463.

Innovative Pharmacy Idea

Physician RX Assistance in Ozark, AL is a new, innovative, and promising approach to helping the indigent and elderly with their expensive drug prescriptions. They charge

customers a fee of \$17 per month per medication and help others without prescription insurance coverage by locating a reduced cost or free pharmaceutical program for their prescribed drugs and filing for assistance through these programs. For more information about this program contact Russell L. Page at (334) 445-0748 or (800) 863-2099. Visit website at: www.themedicationprogram.org.

Screening Program

The Southeast Alabama Medical Center has a Southeast Regional Cancer Screening Program. Underserved residents in the area can receive needed cancer screening services. The program specifically targets senior citizens in Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties who have limited access to regular breast, prostate and colorectal cancer screenings. Screenings are held in a 40-foot mobile medical vehicle. For a screening schedule, call 334-793-8006 or 1-800-548-1537. For more information about the program, visit www.samc.org.

National Health *Observances 2007*

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
- ❖ Indian Heritage Month

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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mentioned herein are subject to change after printing deadline.
We recommend that you call ahead to verify events.*



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