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Improving the health status of Georgia's families.

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Register now and get a early bird special for HMHB's 21st Annual Legislative Breakfast

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You spoke and we listened.....

Planning is now underway for the 21st Annual Legislative Breakfast. This year's event will take on a new format and offer you more time to speak with your legislator and network.

Register at www.hmhbga.org before Jan. 11th for the early bird special.

HMHB in the Community



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On April 5, 2008 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia, Inc. (HMHB) in partnership with Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority (YFA) will be hosting a community health expo. The event is entitled, "*Health, It's a Family Affair*" Expo. For more information contact Jenna Baker at janna.baker@hmhbga.org

We would like to thank WellCare for their generous sponsorship of the "*Health, It's a Family Affair*" Expo.



News From National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies— January 7, 2008

- 1) National Council on Folic Acid Hosts Webinar
- 2) ACNM Forms Presidential Task Force
- 3) From AAP: New Year's Resolutions for Kids
- 4) Nominations Open: Awards for Coverage of Family Issues
- 5) Online Resource: NIH's Household Products Database
- 6) Oregon Law Protects Breastfeeding Working Mothers
- 7) Best of 2007: Recommended Reading for Nonprofit Leaders

MATERNAL-INFANT HEALTH NEWS

1) NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FOLIC ACID HOSTS WEBINAR To mark National Folic Acid Awareness Week, January 7-13, partners in maternal-child health are sharing the message that folic acid is important in the prevention of birth defects. The National Council on Folic Acid (NCFA) is hosting a free educational webinar on Tuesday, January 8 at 1 p.m. EST: "Preventing Birth Defects with Folic Acid: What You Need to Know, What You Can Do." For details and dial-in instructions go to <http://www.folicacidinfo.org>.

2) ACNM FORMS PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE

In this political season with healthcare reform on the national agenda, the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) has formed a Presidential Task Force to educate health policy makers and legislators about the importance of certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives. In announcing the initiative, ACNM President Eunice Ernst, CNM, MPH said, "ACNM is preparing to ensure that midwifery is included in proposals for healthcare reform. It is a model of care proven to be part of the solution for improving the health and welfare of mothers and families, while simultaneously reducing costs." ACNM notes that for nearly 80 years, studies of nurse-midwifery care have repeatedly demonstrated that, in collaboration with obstetrical specialist care, the rates of prematurity, low birth weight babies and medical interventions such as c-section can be reduced -- and the health of mothers and infants improved. ACNM also cites findings that midwifery care reduces costs to insurers, families and the healthcare system as a whole, and improves the ability of collaborating physicians to offer comprehensive care. For more about the task force, go to http://www.midwife.org/healthcare_reform.cfm.

CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS

3) FROM AAP: NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR KIDS The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has published New Year's resolutions for children of all ages on its website. Health- and safety-related resolutions are organized by age group, including preschoolers, elementary-age children, tweens and teens. A function at the bottom of the web page allows you to send these New Year's resolutions to colleagues, family and friends by email. Available in both English and Spanish, you can access this seasonal resource at <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/jankidstips.htm>.

4) NOMINATIONS OPEN: AWARDS FOR COVERAGE OF FAMILY ISSUES

The Council on Contemporary Families is seeking nominations for its Sixth Annual Media Awards for Outstanding Coverage of Family Issues. The program honors outstanding writers, editors and producers of journalism that contributes to the public understanding of family issues -- including how diverse families are coping with social and economic change, what families need in order to flourish and how these needs can best be met. Two awards will be given for print- and web-based text journalism, and one for broadcast. Opinion pieces are not eligible, and both single stories and series on a particular issue are eligible. Work must have been published, broadcast or posted online during 2007. Deadline is February 8. For complete details, go to <http://contemporaryfamilies.org>.

5) ONLINE RESOURCE: NIH'S HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS DATABASE

The National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) hosts an online Household Products Database, helping consumers learn more about what's in common household products, their potential health effects, and about safety and handling. Information on many products found in kitchens, garages, bathrooms and laundry rooms are covered, with information drawn from a variety of publicly available sources -- including brand-specific labels and Material Safety Data Sheets prepared by manufacturers. To check out this important health and safety resource, go to <http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/products.htm>.

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ADVOCATES IN ACTION

6) OREGON LAW PROTECTS BREASTFEEDING WORKING MOTHERS On January 1 a new bill went into effect in the state of Oregon, requiring employers to make accommodations for working women who are breastfeeding. Its provisions mandate that employers who have 25 or more staff members to provide women with private space and at least 30 minutes for every four hours of work to pump breastmilk. Female employees who breastfeed are covered under the law for 18 months after giving birth. Penalties for employers violating the new legislation include fines of up to \$1,000. For complete coverage of the bill from The Oregonian, go to <http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/news/1199150707138750.xml&coll=7>.

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

7) BEST OF 2007: RECOMMENDED READING FOR NONPROFIT LEADERS About.com's nonprofits blogger Joanne Fritz has compiled a nice selection of her "2007 Top Picks of Books for the Nonprofit Connoisseur." She recommends titles covering topics such as social change in the electronic age and how nonprofits can use social media, getting Baby Boomers involved in nonprofit causes, how nonprofits can develop sponsorships with businesses, writing fundraising materials that raise more money, success stories from top nonprofit organizations, fundraising information for board members and transitioning into a nonprofit career from the for-profit sector. Check out the recommended reading list at <http://nonprofit.about.com/b/2007/12/27/retrospective-my-2007-top-picks-of-books-for-the-nonprofit-connoisseur.htm>.

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News From National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies— December 31, 2007

- 1) Study Explores Trends in Childbirth Education, Decline in Attendance
- 2) Call for Workshop Proposals: Parents as Teachers Conference for Native American Outreach
- 3) CDC Says Parents Should Postpone Hib Boosters
- 4) New Findings on Miscarriage Risk
- 5) TechSoup Provides Low-Cost Equipment to Nonprofits
- 6) Portland Office of Family Health Seeks MCH Assessment & Evaluation Manager

MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH NEWS

1) STUDY EXPLORES TRENDS IN CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION, DECLINE IN ATTENDANCE

A new study published in the fall 2007 issue of the Journal of Perinatal Education investigates reasons for the recently documented drop in childbirth education attendance in the United States. Focusing on the challenges facing childbirth educators in the current maternity care climate, the research team collected data from observations of 11 childbirth class series, supplemented by ethnographic observations of two childbirth education trainings, photos of classrooms and teaching tools, hospital tours, a review of print and online program materials, and immersion in the events and conferences of childbirth educators. The report that comes out of this research traces the evolution of American childbirth education since its advent in the 1950s and looks at trends in consumer choice and cultural beliefs. For the abstract and full text, go to <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/lamaze/jpe/2007/00000016/00000004/art00007>.

2) CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS: PARENTS AS TEACHERS CONFERENCE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN OUTREACH

March 11-13 in Crystal City, Virginia, just outside Washington, DC, Parents As Teachers will host a conference expected to draw some 400 Native American educators who work with expectant mothers and new parents in their homes on reservations, in early childhood programs and in adult education. Parents as Teachers is now accepting workshop proposals from perinatal and early childhood professionals who can share insights and expertise with this audience. For more information, contact Diana Meyer at the Parents as Teachers National Center: Diana.Meyer@parentsasteachers.org. For more about Parents as Teachers, go to <http://www.parentsasteachers.org>.

3) CDC SAYS PARENTS SHOULD POSTPONE HIB BOOSTERS

Following this month's recall of the Hib early childhood vaccine and the subsequent announcement of a shortage of usable doses, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending that parents delay getting their children the standard type B (Hib) vaccine booster. CDC says it expects the shortage of doses to last well into 2008, and deferring booster doses will help conserve the vaccine. However, CDC recommends that parents continue to get the initial doses of the vaccine for their infants at the regularly scheduled time, and they reiterate that there have been no reports or evidence of negative effects in children who have received the vaccine. Hib is recommended for children under age five, initially given in a three-shot series starting at two months of age. The booster is, under normal conditions, recommended at 12 to 15 months of age. For CDC's Q&A on the Hib vaccine recall, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/recalls/hib-recall-faqs-12-12-07.htm>.

4) NEW FINDINGS ON MISCARRIAGE RISK

Research published in the November issue of the journal Fertility and Sterility finds that the presence of bacterial vaginosis, or BV, during the first trimester of pregnancy doubles the risk of miscarriage by the end of the second trimester. BV, a vaginal inflammation caused by bacteria, is already known to increase the risk of preterm delivery. The team followed almost 2,000 women from their first trimester of pregnancy. Approximately 40 percent of the women tested positive for BV in the first trimester. Women with the highest level of vaginal bacteria were 2.49 times more likely to miscarry by 20 weeks' gestation than those women with the lowest levels. To date, low-risk women are not routinely screened for BV in pregnancy, but the authors suggest a potential benefit from first trimester BV screening and treatment early in a pregnancy, to reduce subsequent inflammation that may increase preterm birth and/or miscarriage. For the abstract, go to <http://www.fertstert.org/article/PIIS0015028207001677/abstract>.

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

5) TECHSOUP PROVIDES LOW-COST EQUIPMENT TO NONPROFITS

Did you know? At TechSoup Stock, nonprofit organizations of all sizes can find hundreds of donated computer hardware and software products at great prices, from partners such as Microsoft, Intuit, Adobe, Cisco and Symantec

— including new Microsoft product donations including Office 2007, Windows Vista, Exchange Server 2007 and Visio 2007. No membership is required to work with TechSoup, and their administrative fees are as low as four percent of retail value. To find out more, go to <http://www.techsoup.org/stock>.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

6) PORTLAND OFFICE OF FAMILY HEALTH SEEKS MCH ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION MANAGER

The Office of Family Health, Public Health Division, Department of Human Services in Portland, Oregon is recruiting for a new state-level leadership position, the Maternal and Child Health Assessment and Evaluation Manager. This position will report to the MCH Section Manager and will oversee the operations, development and evaluation of the MCH Assessment and Evaluation Services Unit that includes a professional team of researchers, epidemiologists and program evaluators. The unit makes key decisions on data collection, analysis and interpretation for decision-making and planning for Oregon's MCH population. For more information or to apply, contact Katherine Bradley, Office of Family Health administrator, at 971-673-0233 or Katherine.Bradley@state.or.us.

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Public Health Conferences and Events

January 17-18, 2008

Title: International Conference on Health Policy Statistics
Location: Philadelphia, PA
See: www.amstat.org

January 24-26, 2008

Families USA– Health Action 2008, National Grassroots Meeting
Location: Washington, DC
See: <http://www.familiesusa.org/conference/health-action-2008/>

January 27-30, 2008

Title: National Network for Youth
Location: Washington, DC
See: www.nn4youth.org

January 28– February 1, 2008

Title: International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment
Location: San Diego, CA
See: www.safeta.org

February 6, 2008

HMHB 21st Annual Legislative Breakfast
Location: “Sloppy” Floyd Building
See: www.hmhbga.org

February 27, 2008

Voices for Georgia’s Children
Policy Watch at the Capitol Legislative Breakfast
See: www.georgiavoices.org

February 27, 2008

G-CAPP Annual Legislative Reception
See: www.gcapp.org



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January is.....

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Cervical Health Awareness Month
National Cervical Cancer Coalition (NCCC)
www.nccc-online.org/awareness.html

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National Birth Defects Prevention Month
March of Dimes
www.marchofdimes.com/professionals/14332_1206.asp

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National Glaucoma Awareness Month
Prevent Blindness America
preventblindness.org/news/observe.html

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Thyroid Awareness Month
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
www.thyroidawareness.com

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