HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES
Coalition of Georgia

HMHB Resource Watch
June 27, 2007

HMHB Upcoming Events

Keep checking out our website www.hmhbga.org for more events. If you know of any events that are not listed, please contact us at 770.451.0020.

Sponsors, Please Save the Date!!

July 20, 2007 6:30-9:00 PM

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia presents the Sponsors and Friends Appreciation Gala.
Please RSVP to Rena or Jessica to ensure your space.
770-451-0020

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia
2007 Annual Meeting and Conference
Wednesday, October 3, 2007
9:00 am- 4:00 pm.

Freight Room
Georgia Railroad Freight Depot
65 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW
Atlanta, GA. 30303

News from National HMHB

This week: June 25, 2007

1) Study: Smaller Babies Face Socioeconomic & Health Risks Later in Life
2) Maximum Information & Respect for Individual Choices Associated with Positive Birth Experience
3) Grant to Fund Oral Health Awareness Projects
4) Online Registration for AAP Conference & Exhibition
5) Opportunity for New York Organizations Serving Asian American Health Needs
6) Free Online Tool for Connecting Nonprofit Boards with New Leaders

MATERNAL-INFANT HEALTH NEWS

1) STUDY: SMALLER BABIES FACE SOCIOECONOMIC & HEALTH RISKS LATER IN LIFE
A study funded by the National Institute on Aging and presented at the recent National Summit on America's Children found that infants weighing less than 5.5 pounds had birth had "significant and lasting effects" on adult health and socioeconomic wellbeing. Analyzing more than 35 years of data on more than 12,000 Americans, the team found that being born under 5.5 pounds increased the risk of dropping out of high school by one-third, reduced annual earnings by almost 15 percent in adulthood and was associated with having increased health problems in their 30s and 40s. Compared to their normal birth weight siblings, the low birth weight children were 30 percent less likely to be in "excellent or very good" health during childhood, and they scored significantly lower on reading and math achievement tests. According to the authors, the poor economic status of parents at the time of pregnancy led to worse birth outcomes for their children, perpetuating a health and socioeconomic crisis in future generations. For the abstract, go to http://www.npc.umich.edu/publications/working_papers/?publication_id=117&.

2) MAXIMUM INFORMATION & RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL CHOICES ASSOCIATED WITH POSITIVE BIRTH EXPERIENCE
A new article published in The Journal of Perinatal Education suggests that women who report positive birth experiences have caregivers who provide information, support and respect for individual choices during labor and delivery. The author found that women reported undermined self-confidence when distractions, negative messages and more interventions were present during labor and birth. Among the article's conclusions: Maternity care providers need to understand a woman's beliefs, strengths, past experiences and family history as a first step to providing appropriate support to women during childbirth. For a complete summary of the article, go to http://www.lamaze.org/Default.aspx?tabid=502.

CHILD, ADOLESCENT, FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS

3) GRANT TO FUND ORAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROJECTS
The American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation is seeking collaborators for its new Strategic Alliance grant program. Nonprofit organizations and agencies are invited to outline an initiative designed to raise awareness of the importance of oral health via an access program, research project or professional/public education effort. Proposals should support dental research, education or access to care. ADAF encourages proposals from within and outside the dental community, and those with an implementation period of two to three years will receive priority. Examples of qualified organizations include national associations, federal agencies, dental schools, state associations, state health departments, foundations, national nonprofits and state or national organizations that can carry out research, education or access initiatives to increase oral health awareness. Letters of intent are due by July 16, 2007. For more information and to download the program announcement, go to http://www.adafoundation.org/ada/prod/adaf/index.asp

4) ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR AAP CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has announced that online registration is now open for its Annual Conference and Exhibition, scheduled for October 27-30, 2007 in San Francisco, with special pre-conference events on October 26. The event, which draws pediatricians, subspecialists and other pediatric healthcare professionals, will feature continuing education sessions and state-of-the-art technical exhibits, as well as networking forums. The APA's Pediatrics for the 21st Century Symposium Series will focus on community-based initiatives, under the theme "Determinants of Child Health: Community Pediatrics for the 21st Century." For information or to register, go to http://www.aap.org/nce.

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5) OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW YORK ORGANIZATIONS SERVING ASIAN AMERICAN HEALTH NEEDS
The Charles B. Wang Community Health Center (CBWCHC) in New York City is accepting applications for the 2007-2008 term of its Health Disparities Research Training Program (HDRTP). They invite applicants from community-based organizations and healthcare providers in the NYC area interested in acquiring or enhancing skills to conduct community-based research on Asian American health issues using participatory approaches. CBWCHC is a federally qualified health center serving mostly immigrant Chinese Americans in lower Manhattan and Flushing, Queens. The application deadline is July 6, 2007. For more details and to apply, go to http://www.cbwchc.org/job/HDRTP/hdrtp.html.

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT RESOURCE

6) FREE ONLINE TOOL FOR CONNECTING NONPROFIT BOARDS WITH NEW LEADERS
Working with the university's Center on Philanthropy, the Indiana University Foundation now hosts a new online resource, boardnetUSA. The site is an innovative online tool connecting nonprofit boards with new leaders. The free service creates a marketplace where nonprofits and individuals interested in board involvement can find each other, using technology that helps both parties screen for particular attributes, skills and locations. To find out more, or to register as a nonprofit organization or a board member candidate, go to http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/About/boardnetUSA.aspx.

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Last week: June 18, 2007

1) New Resource Addresses Reasons for Rising C-Section Rate
2) OWH to Host Minority Women's Health Summit
3) New Report on the Marketing of Infant Formula
4) Available Online: Materials on Maternity Care Costs
5) First-of-its-Kind Study Finds Big Healthcare Disparities among States
6) Scholarships Available for Community Organizations to Attend APHA Conference
7) Petition Urges Congress & CPSC to Prioritize Toxicity Testing of Children's Products
8) "Is Your Board Helping You or Hurting You?"

MATERNAL-INFANT HEALTH NEWS

1) NEW RESOURCE ADDRESSES REASONS FOR RISING C-SECTION RATE
Childbirth Connections has developed a new page on its website addressing the causes for the increasing cesarean section rate in the United States. The page, which is available as a downloadable PDF handout for use by journalists, policymakers, students and others, dispels common myths about the c-section rates. It also identifies several interrelated factors that contribute to record-level cesarean rates. To view the page and download the free PDF, go to http://www.childbirthconnection.org/article.asp?ck=10456.

2) OWH TO HOST MINORITY WOMEN'S HEALTH SUMMIT
The Office on Women's Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will convene the 2007 Minority Women's Health Summit August 23-26 in Washington, DC. The theme of this year's summit is "Women of Color: Addressing Disparities, Affirming Resilience, and Developing Strategies for Success." It will focus on the often unrecognized threats to health experienced by minority women, building on knowledge gained in previous conferences and identifying distinct health issues disproportionately impacting women of color. The event will also highlight successful models of health promotion and prevention. For more information, go to http://www.womenshealthresearch.org/site/R?i=CE3PE6hHtZaU_M_QQn4UCw.

3) NEW REPORT ON THE MARKETING OF INFANT FORMULA
The National Alliance for Breastfeeding Advocacy has announced a new report, "Still Selling Out Mothers and Babies: Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes in the USA," the US country report detailing results from the 2006 monitoring of commercial barriers to breastfeeding. The report details violations of the International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes that have a negative influence on the initiation, exclusivity and continuation of breastfeeding. Heavily referenced, the document contains over 300 citations and is intended for use by healthcare professionals, policy makers, program administrators, health agencies, professional organizations and others interested in promoting maternal and infant health. For ordering document, send email to the National Alliance for Breastfeeding Advocacy: marshalact@aol.com.

4) AVAILABLE ONLINE: MATERIALS ON MATERNITY CARE COSTS
Released to the public and policymakers at a Washington event last week was a new study from the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute. The study finds that consumer-driven health plans require families to pay higher out-of-pocket costs for maternity care than traditional insurance plans. Co-author of the study Karen Pollitz notes that although consumer-driven health plans have lower monthly premiums, they generally are not as protective for those who file many claims, which is common during even a normal, low-risk pregnancy and birth. For the report and executive summary, as well as materials and a webcast from the briefing, go to http://www.kff.org/womenshealth/whp061207pkg.cfm.

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5) FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND STUDY FINDS BIG HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES AMONG STATES
A first-of-its-kind study from The Commonwealth Fund finds large disparities in the quality of healthcare in different states, with some states performing two to three times better than others. States with low-quality rankings also tended to have high numbers of uninsured residents, and high levels of spending did not necessarily correlate with high quality of healthcare. The top five states overall were Hawaii, Iowa, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine, and the lowest rated states were Nevada, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma. Commonwealth Fund President Karen Davis says the study reveals that "Where you live really matters in terms of your experience with the American healthcare system." For more details and to download the complete report, go to http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=494551.

6) SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO ATTEND APHA CONFERENCE

The Community-Based Public Health (CBPH) Caucus of the American Public Health Association (APHA) is offering scholarships for community-based organizations (CBOs) to attend the 2007 APHA conference, set for November 3-7 in Washington, DC. This year's conference theme is "Politics, Policy and Public Health." For information on these scholarships and application materials, go to http://www.cbphcaucus.org or contact Barb Watson, caucus administrator, at bjwatson@umich.edu.

ADVOCATES IN ACTION

7) PETITION URGES CONGRESS & CPSC TO PRIORITIZE TOXICITY TESTING OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS
In response to last week's advisory from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) advising consumers to immediately stop using Thomas the Tank Engine toys recalled due to toxic paint, the grassroots advocacy organization MomsRising has created an online petition urging members of Congress and CPSC make testing of children's products for toxic chemicals a priority. To sign the petition, go to http://www.democracyinaction.org/dia/organizationsORG/momsrising/signUp.jsp?key=2362&t=petition.dwt. For the CPSC's current recall notice of the Thomas toys, go to http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml07/07212.html#http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml07/07212.html.

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT RESOURCE

8) "IS YOUR BOARD HELPING YOU OR HURTING YOU?"
A new article on About.com's Nonprofit and Charitable Organizations website helps nonprofit leaders evaluate their relationship to their boards. "Is Your Board Helping You or Hurting You?" covers not just the legal responsibilities of nonprofit boards, but also the qualities that make boards effective and productive for the organization's health and longevity. The article is available online at http://nonprofit.about.com/od/nonprofitmanagement/a/goodboard.htm?nl=1.

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Other Public Health News

June is……

Vision Research Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive,
Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
www.preventblindness.org

Home Safety Month

Home Safety Council
1250 Eye Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 330-4900
www.homesafetycouncil.org/homesafetymonth

24 - 30

Helen Keller Deaf - Blind Awareness Week

Helen Keller National Center
Office for Development
141 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050-1299
(516) 944-8900 x254
(516) 994-8637 TTY
www.hknc.org

Public Health Conferences and Events

July 11-13
Title: Ovarian Cancer National Alliance's 10th Annual Conference: A Decade of Action, A Future of Hope: Agenda for Action
City: Washington, D.C.
Contact: Carole Roper, Director of Communications
Phone: 202-331-1332
Email: www.ovariancancer.org

July 16-20
Title: Virology Methods for Public Health Laboratories
City: Madison, WI
Contact: Margaret A. Hoff
Phone: 206-418-5402
Email: margaret.hoff@doh.wa.gov

August 9
Title: American Kidney Fund (AKF) Regional Conference, "Empowering Patients to Overcome Barriers to Adherence"
City: Atlanta, Georgia

Contact: Jennifer St. Clair Russell
Phone: 800.638.8299
Email: conferences@kidneyfund.org

August 13-17
Title: 2007 UW Summer Institute for Public Health Practice
City: Seattle, WA
Contact: Trudy San Jose White
Phone: 206-685-2931
Email: sanjose@u.washington.edu

August 13-17
Title: CDC Cancer Conference
Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel Downtown
City: Atlanta, GA
Contact: Jameka Reese, CMP
Phone: 770-488-4740
Email: jreese@cdc.gov

August 27-29
Title: Public Health Information Network (PHIN)Conference
City: Atlanta, Georgia
Contact: Barb Nichols
Phone: 404 498-2442
Email: phin2007@cdc.gov
Website: www.cdc.gov/phin

August 29-30
Title: National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing and Media
City: Atlanta, Georgia
Contact: Dr. Kathleen McDuffie

Phone: 404-498-0990
Email: nchrnconference@cdc.gov

September 5-7
Title: GPHA 78th Annual Meeting and Conference

City: Savannah, GA
See: http://www.gapha.org/

September 17-19
Title: Georgia Rural Health Association's Annual Conference: Making Rural Healthy People 2010 a Reality in Georgia
City: Athen, GA.
See:
http://www.garuralhealth.org/

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