



HMHB Resource Watch May 30, 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 contact Jessica or Rena for more information at 770-451-0020 x303 or x201.

**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: May 30, 2007

- 1) AHA Issues Recommendations to Reduce Congenital Heart Defects
- 2) Report: Women of Childbearing Age at Higher Risk of Lead Exposure
- 3) Gates Foundation to Fund Research on Pediatric HIV & Breastfeeding
- 4) Save the Date: National Health Benefits Conference & Expo 2008
- 5) CDC Introduces New Homepage
- 6) Summit Draws Members of Congress, State & Local Officials, Advocates & Scientists
- 7) FreePledge Offers New Approach to Fundraising
- 8) Society for Women's Health Research Seeks Development Officer

MATERNAL-INFANT HEALTH NEWS

1) AHA ISSUES RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS

Last week the American Heart Association (AHA) released new guidelines aimed at helping women reduce the risk of giving birth to an infant with a heart disorder.

Published in the journal *Circulation*, AHA's recommendations include: 1) Seeing a healthcare provider before conception and during pregnancy, 2) Taking daily multivitamins containing 400 micrograms of folic acid or a folic acid supplement, 3) Being screened for diabetes, rubella and measles, 4) Reviewing the use of all medications, including over-the-counter, with a doctor and 5) Avoiding contact with people who have the flu or other fever-related illness. Congenital cardiovascular defects are among the most common birth defects, and AHA estimates that nine out of 1,000 infants in the US are born with some form of congenital heart disorder. For the abstract, go to

<http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/CIRCULATIONAHA.106.183216v1>.

2) REPORT: WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING AGE AT HIGHER RISK OF LEAD EXPOSURE

According to a new report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), women of childbearing age are at an elevated risk of lead exposure in the workplace. These findings are in spite of the fact that low blood lead levels (BLL) now exist among the general population. Through the CDC's 2004 Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance (ABLES) Program, 37 states reported elevated BLLs among women ages 16 to 44. Rates were highest among women working in the battery manufacturing industry. Especially because one-third to one-half of US pregnancies are unplanned, public health authorities are concerned that women with elevated BLLs will expose their infants and endanger the health of the fetus when becoming pregnant. According to CDC, elevated BLLs can expose a fetus to increased risk of preterm birth, lower birth weight, reduced postnatal growth, increased minor congenital effects and early neurologic or neurobehavioral problems. For the complete CDC report, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5616a4.htm>.

3) GATES FOUNDATION TO FUND RESEARCH ON PEDIATRIC HIV & BREASTFEEDING

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation a five-year, \$9.7 million grant to research and develop HIV vaccines for infants. The research will focus on preventing mother-to-child transmission of the virus through breast milk, and will fund both research studies and pediatric clinical trials of vaccines previously tested with adults. According to the Foundation, almost 14 percent of all new HIV cases globally occur when infants contract the virus from their mothers. It is hoped that a protective vaccine would allow HIV-positive mothers to safely breastfeed for an extended period of time, providing infants in disadvantaged settings with nutritional and basic health benefits. For more on this research, go to [http://www.pedaids.org/News/Foundation%20News/Press%20Release/Elizabeth%20Glaser%20Pediatric%20\(12\).aspx](http://www.pedaids.org/News/Foundation%20News/Press%20Release/Elizabeth%20Glaser%20Pediatric%20(12).aspx).

CHILD, ADOLESCENT, FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS

4) SAVE THE DATE: NATIONAL HEALTH BENEFITS CONFERENCE & EXPO 2008

Mark your calendar for the 17th Annual National Health Benefits Conference and Expo, scheduled for January 17-18, 2008 in Tampa, Florida. The event addresses issues related to keeping employees healthy and productive, targeting government and educational employers. Among the highlights: Case studies presented by practicing benefit professionals, reviews of advanced health benefit cost strategies and presentations by national leaders in the field. Topics include disease management, wellness programs, health and productivity, web-based support tools, workers' comp, consumer-driven/directed health plans, benefit design, mental health management, health risk appraisals, health promotion in the workplace, HSAs/HRAs/FSAs and mix-and-match plans. Continuing education credits will be available through the Society for Human Resource Management, approved for PHR and SPHR recertification. For more about exhibiting or attending, go to <http://www.hbce.com>.

5) CDC INTRODUCES NEW HOMEPAGE

In late April the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) unveiled an all-new homepage at <http://www.cdc.gov>. The central CDC web hub, which represents the public face of CDC to web surfers from throughout the United States and around the world, features an updated design providing easier access to information. Many new features have been added, and changes to the organization, navigation and terminology are based on extensive user evaluation and research. Comments or questions about the new CDC website may be directed to: cdcweb@cdc.gov.

ADVOCATES IN ACTION

6) SUMMIT DRAWS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, STATE & LOCAL OFFICIALS, ADVOCATES & SCIENTISTS

On May 22, US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi convened the bipartisan National Summit on America's Children, attended by members of Congress, state and local officials. The goal of the summit: Allowing members of Congress to hear from experts on how federal policies can match the latest research on health and development to help American children and families. Members of child and family policy organizations, as well as scientists from the fields of early childhood, healthcare and childcare spoke at the event, spotlighting innovative, research-based public and private initiatives that are having positive effects. The summit was chaired by Congressman George Miller of California, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut and Congressman Chaka Fattah of Pennsylvania. For more on the summit, including the soon-to-be-released video archive, go to <http://speaker.gov/issues/form?id=0032>.

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT RESOURCE

7) FREEPLEDGE OFFERS APPROACH TO FUNDRAISING

Web-based program FreePledge offers a new and innovative way to generate donations for nonprofit organizations. Here's how it works: Consumers go through the FreePledge site to select a nonprofit they would like to support, then make purchases from any of FreePledge's 170 retail partners (including Amazon.com, Ebay, Apple, Sony, Office Depot and Drugstore.com). A percentage of each purchase is donated to the nonprofit organization of their choice, at no extra cost to the shopper. FreePledge offers this service by partnering with retailers through their affiliate programs, turning the commissions into donations. It's a win-win scenario because consumers have a way to do their shopping while supporting their favorite cause, while retailers get exposure as a socially-responsible brand and nonprofits bring in funds. To find out more, go to <http://www.freepledge.com>.

MCH JOB OPPORTUNITY

8) SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH SEEKS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR) in Washington, DC is seeking a Development Officer whose responsibilities will include managing an annual fundraising gala, online donor management, database entry and invoicing. Candidates should have a bachelor's degree and approximately five years of fundraising experience, including event management and online donor database competence. Send resume and cover letter with salary requirements to jobs@womenshealthresearch.org. For more about the Society's work, go to <http://www.womenshealthresearch.org>.

Sources:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

<http://www.pedaids.org>

<http://www.hbce.com>

<http://www.cdc.gov>

<http://speaker.gov>

<http://www.freepledge.com>

<http://www.womenshealthresearch.org>

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Other Public Health News

May is.....

Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
1233 20th Street NW, Suite 402
Washington, DC 20036
(800) 7-ASTHMA (727-8462)
(202) 466-7643
(202) 466-8940 Fax
www.aafa.org

Clean Air Month

American Lung Association
61 Broadway, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10006
(800) LUNG-USA (586-4872)
(212) 315-8700
(212) 315-8889 Fax

www.lungusa.org

Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month

American Academy of Dermatology
930 East Woodfield Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173
(888) 462-DERM (3376)
(847) 330-0230
(847) 330-8907 Fax

www.aad.org

Mental Health Month

Mental Health America
P.O. Box 16810
Alexandria, VA 22302-0810
(800) 969-6642

www.nmha.org

**National Osteoporosis Awareness and
Prevention Month**

National Osteoporosis Foundation
1232 22nd Street NW
Washington, DC 20037-1292
(202) 223-2226
(202) 223-1726 Fax
www.nof.org

**National Teen Pregnancy Prevention
Month**

Advocates for Youth
2000 M Street, NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 419-3420
(202) 419-1448 Fax
www.advocatesforyouth.org

Events in Georgia

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Family Health Branch
Office of Women's Health Services

in collaboration with



**EMORY REGIONAL
PERINATAL CENTER**
EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE



**HAMILTON
MEDICAL CENTER**

Present

Postpartum Depression: Implications for Clinical Practice

Featured Speaker:

Victoria L. Green, MD, MBA, JD, FACOG
Director, Ambulatory Care / Satellites
Associate Professor, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics
Emory University School of Medicine

**June 11, 2007
10:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Hamilton Medical Center
1200 Memorial Drive

Dalton, Georgia

Auditorium - **Brown Conference Center**
Entrance on *Broadrick Drive*
(*Between Memorial Drive & Burleyson Road*)

Objectives:

1. Review symptoms of postpartum depression.
2. Discuss the origins and development of the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS).
3. Review implications for clinical practice.
4. Analyze provision of screening and intervention services.

Emory Regional Perinatal Center is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Georgia Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This activity has been designated for a maximum of 2.0 contact hours. Nurses licensed in other states are advised to check with that state regarding reciprocity.

THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND

However, registration is requested to secure your space and materials.

For driving directions to Hamilton Medical Center, please visit:
<http://www.hamiltonhealth.com/maps.asp>

Questions? Contact: **Brenda Guinn, 706-272-6522, or bguinn@bhcs.org.**

This newsletter is being distributed to HMHB Coalition Members. Please submit your questions or comments about this newsletter and or its content to Jessica Hawkins at jessica.hawkins@hmbga.org. Thank you for assisting HMHB in improving the health status of Georgia's families.

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