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Public Health News **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

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The History of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

<http://www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth.php>



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Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

These activities were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline was begun. In 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress. Such legislation has passed every year since with NCADV providing key leadership in this effort.

In October 1994 NCADV, in conjunction with Ms. Magazine, created the "[Remember My Name](#)" project, a national registry to increase public awareness of domestic violence deaths. Since then, NCADV has been collecting information on women who have been killed by an intimate partner and produces a poster each October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, listing the names of those documented in that year.

The Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday in October. NCADV hopes that events in communities and regions across the fifty states will culminate in a powerful statement celebrating the strength of battered women and their children.



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SIGNS THAT YOU'RE IN AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP

Your Inner Thoughts and Feelings

Do you:

- feel afraid of your partner much of the time?
- avoid certain topics out of fear of angering your partner?
- feel that you can't do anything right for your partner?
- believe that you deserve to be hurt or mistreated?
- wonder if you're the one who is crazy?
- feel emotionally numb or helpless?

Your Partner's Belittling Behavior

Does your partner:

- humiliate or yell at you?
- criticize you and put you down?
- treat you so badly that you're embarrassed for your friends or family to see?
- ignore or put down your opinions or accomplishments?
- blame you for his own abusive behavior?
- see you as property or a sex object, rather than as a person?

Your Partner's Violent Behavior or Threats

Does your partner:

- have a bad and unpredictable temper?
- hurt you, or threaten to hurt or kill you?
- threaten to take your children away or harm them?
- threaten to commit suicide if you leave?
- force you to have sex?
- destroy your belongings?

Your Partner's Controlling Behavior

Does your partner:

- act excessively jealous and possessive?
- control where you go or what you do?
- keep you from seeing your friends or family?
- limit your access to money, the phone, or the car?
- constantly check up on you?



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HMHB in the Community

Women and Healthcare Reform - Online Forum

October 16, 2009 | Women and Healthcare Reform Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn Select – Atlanta, GA

October 23, 2009 | National Association of Social Work Conference
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Georgia Perimeter College - Dunwoody, GA

October 23, 2009 | Georgia Dental Hygienist Association Annual Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dresden Park - Atlanta, GA

October 24, 2009 | Feria de Salud
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Agape- Atlanta, GA

October 24, 2009 | CCNA Fall Festival
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies would like to say thank you to all our Annual Meeting Sponsors: Northside Hospital and Healthcare Georgia Foundation. HMHB would also like to thank each of the speakers for the Annual Meeting: Dr. Elizabeth Lense, Dr. Leroy Graham, Dr. Alpha Bryan, The Honorable Sharon Cooper, Dr. Yvonne Fry Johnson, Mrs. Amber Koter, and Mrs. Mary Frances Williams. The Annual Meeting held at the Georgia State Bar Association was a great success. The speakers provided lots of healthcare information on topics such as asthma care, oral health care, post partum depression and a host of other great topics. The Carolyn Wetzel Award was given to Mary Frances Williams for all of her hard work advocating on behalf of HMHB. Please be on the lookout for our next great event, the Legislative Reception, which will be held on February 3, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church.



Mary Frances Williams, Carolyn Wetzel Award Recipient



Dr. Leroy Graham providing educational information about asthma.



HMHB staff, Para Malden and LaToya Davis providing helpful information about HMHB.



Silent auction table full of great gifts!!



Exhibitor for Georgia Families listening intently!!

News From National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies – October 12, 2009

This Week:

- 1) Latest on H1N1 and Pregnant Women
- 2) Birth Weight and Childhood Asthma
- 3) Study: Miscarriage and Fertility
- 4) News from the Distracted Driving Summit
- 5) 15th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Conference
- 6) HHS Grants to Enroll Kids in CHIP and Medicaid

MATERNAL-INFANT HEALTH NEWS

1) LATEST ON H1N1 AND PREGNANT WOMEN

The October edition of the journal *Obstetrics and Gynecology* includes more information about treatment of H1N1 influenza in pregnant women. "H1N1 Influenza in Pregnancy: Cause for Concern" provides questions and answers to common issues in caring for pregnant women with H1N1 influenza. The article includes case studies of pregnant women who contracted the illness. Symptoms of the disease are described, along with guidelines for evaluation, potential maternal and fetal complications and risk factors for serious disease. To access the article online, go to http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Fulltext/2009/10000/H1N1_Influenza_in_Pregnancy__Cause_for_Concern_.26.aspx.

2) BIRTH WEIGHT AND CHILDHOOD ASTHMA

A study published in the October edition of the journal *Pediatrics* investigates whether fetal growth and birth weight affect the risk of asthma in childhood, controlling for gestational age (GA), familial environment and genetic factors. Information on asthma, zygosity, birth characteristics and potential confounders was collected for all 9 and 12-year-old twins through the Swedish Twin Register and Medical Birth Register. The study authors concluded that there is an association between fetal growth and childhood asthma. This association is independent of GA, familial environment and genetic factors, which, according to the authors, indicates that fetal growth restriction affects lung development. To access the study online, go to <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/124/4/e737>.

3) STUDY: MISCARRIAGE AND FERTILITY

A study in the October edition of the *British Medical Journal* examined the impact of miscarriage management on subsequent fertility. About 15 percent of pregnancies end in miscarriage in the first trimester. In the past, the standard treatment was surgery to remove tissue remaining in the uterus, but now many women are offered expectant (watch and wait) and medical treatment. The authors compared fertility rates in women who had an early miscarriage (less than 13 weeks). They found similar live birth rates five years after a miscarriage among women with different types of miscarriage management. There were also no significant differences according to previous birth history. The study authors conclude that method of miscarriage management does not affect subsequent pregnancy rates, and that long term fertility concerns should not affect a woman's choice of miscarriage management. To access the study online, go to http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/339/oct08_2/b3827.

CHILD, ADOLESCENT, FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS

4) NEWS FROM THE DISTRACTED DRIVING SUMMIT This past week, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation announced new research findings from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that show nearly 6,000 people died in 2008 in crashes involving a distracted or inattentive driver, and more than half a million were injured.

The findings were announced during the kickoff to the two-day Distracted Driving Summit, highlighting the under-recognized dangers of distracted behavior behind the wheel. More than 800,000 vehicles were driven by someone using a hand-held cell phone on any given day in 2008. For more information, including a press release and resources on distracted driving, go to the NHTSA Web site at <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2009/dot15509.htm>.

5) 15th ANNUAL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGY CONFERENCE Register now for the 15th Annual Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Epidemiology Conference, scheduled for December 9-11, 2009 in Tampa, Florida. MCH professionals are invited to share experiences, enhance knowledge, and generate new ideas for improved MCH data use and informed policymaking. The conference is designed for health professionals working with maternal and child health data, programs, or policies, particularly at the national, state, tribal, and local levels. The annual national scientific conference is sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Program, a collaborative effort between the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Reproductive Health. For more information, or to register for the conference, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/MCHepi/2009/AboutConference.htm>.

ADVOCATES IN ACTION

6) HHS GRANTS TO ENROLL KIDS IN CHIP AND MEDICAID Last week, the Secretary of Health and Human Services announced the awarding of \$40 million in grants to help find and enroll children who are uninsured but eligible for either Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). 69 grantees in 41 states and the District of Columbia will target geographic areas with high rates of eligible but uninsured children, particularly in places with racial and ethnic minority groups who are uninsured at higher than average rates. Twenty percent of the funded projects will target Hispanic children, with an emphasis on Hispanic teens, and 11 percent will focus on homeless children. Most grantees will be using multiple, community-based approaches. For more information, including a list of grantees, go to <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/09/20090930a.html>.

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News From National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies – September 28, 2009

This Week:

- 1) Resources on Impact of Alcohol Use in Pregnancy
- 2) Study Examines Causes of Preeclampsia
- 3) From FDA: Health Alert on Tamiflu Dosing
- 4) Parental Insurance Coverage and Children's Access to Care
- 5) Division Director: CDC Division of Reproductive Health

MATERNAL-INFANT HEALTH NEWS

1) RESOURCES ON IMPACT OF ALCOHOL USE IN PREGNANCY A new resource from the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Library at Georgetown University compiles information sources on a group of conditions that can occur in a person whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy. The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Resource Brief lists Web sites and related MCH Library resources. Sample resources include fact sheets and brochures; screening, diagnosis, surveillance, intervention, and training tools; and prevention-education materials (including materials in non-English languages). Access the brief online at <http://mchlibrary.info/guides/fasd.html>.

2) STUDY EXAMINES CAUSES OF PREECLAMPSIA Research published in the September edition of the journal *Endocrinology* examines reasons for the development of preeclampsia, which can cause miscarriage and death in pregnant women. The condition causes a variety of problems throughout a woman's body, including seizures, high blood pressure and liver problems. The causes are unknown, and currently the only cure for preeclampsia is delivery of the baby. The study takes steps to understand the condition and reveal how systems in the body that regulate blood pressure and fluid retention may become dysfunctional. The intent of the study authors was to provide some insight into maternal factors that may intensify the disease, with a goal of someday finding a cure for preeclampsia. To access the study online, go to <http://endo.endojournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/9/4316?maxto-show=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&fulltext=preeclampsia&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&volume=150&issue=9&resourcetype=HWCIT>.

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3) FROM FDA: HEALTH ALERT ON TAMIFLU DOSING The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a health alert to pharmacists and pediatricians about potential dosing errors with liquid Tamiflu for children. The warning follows reports that the dosing instructions don't match the measurement markings on the syringe/dosing dispenser that come with the liquid medication. There was concern that parents could give the wrong dose of the medication of their children as a treatment for the H1N1 swine flu. Health care providers are encouraged to write down the dosage of the medication in milligrams if the syringe/dosing dispenser. Pharmacists are asked to ensure that the units of measure on the prescription instructions match the dosing device provided with the drug. A copy of the alert is available online at <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/InformationbyDrugClass/ucm183649.htm>.

4) PARENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE AND CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO CARE A study published in the September/October edition of the *Annals of Family Medicine* examines the association between parent-child insurance coverage patterns and children's access to health care and preventive counseling services. The authors note that, while insured children have better access to health care services, there is less known about how parental health care coverage impacts children's access to care. They found that insured children with uninsured parents were more likely to have no usual source of care and higher odds of having never received at least one preventive counseling service, when compared with insured children with insured parents. Overall, the uninsured children had the highest rates of unmet needs overall, with fewer differences based on parental insurance status. For insured children, having uninsured parents was associated with higher odds of going without necessary services when compared with having insured parents. To access the study online, go to <http://www.annfammed.org/cgi/content/abstract/7/5/406>.

JOB LISTING

5) DIVISION DIRECTOR: CDC DIVISION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is seeking applications for the position of Division Director at its Division of Reproductive Health within the National Center for Chronic Disease in Atlanta, Georgia. This position provides national and international leadership within the broad field of reproductive and infant health, overseeing a 42.7 million dollar budget and 133 staff, with an additional 50 contractors, spanning program delivery, policy analysis and research, state-based programs, and maternal and child health research and evaluation. More information about the job is available at the USAJOBS Web site at <http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=83459709&JobTitle=Director%2c+Division+of+Reproductive+Health&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&vw=d&re=0&caller=basic.aspx&jbf574=HE39&pg=1&q=reproductive+health&AVSDM=2009-09-18+00%3a03%3a00>. Or, email Rosemarie Henson at rx4@cdc.gov with any questions.

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Public Health Conferences and Events

- [ASTHO's 2009 Annual Meeting](#) - (Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)) - October 14-16, 2009, Vienna, VA.
- [Annual National Public Health Information Coalition \(NPHIC\) 2009 Conference](#) - (National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC)) - October 18-21, 2009, Miami, FL
- [NECON Regional Conference 2009](#) - (New England Coalition for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NECON)) - October 23, 2009
- [2009 National Environmental Public Health Conference - Healthy People in a Healthy Environment](#) - (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)) - October 26-28, 2009, Atlanta, GA
- [Faces of a Healthy Future: National Conference to End Disparities II](#) - (Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities (CEEHD)) - November 3-6, 2009, Winston-Salem, NC
- [Public Health Grand Rounds Webcast - Global Climate Change: Implications for Public Health](#) - (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Public Health) - November 5, 2009
- [Annual AICR Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer](#) - (American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR)) - November 5&6, 2009, Washington, DC

October Health Observances

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Eye Injury Prevention Month

American Academy of Ophthalmology
www.aao.org/aaosite/eyemd/injury.cfm

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Halloween Safety Month

Prevent Blindness America
www.preventblindness.org/news/observe.html

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Healthy Lung Month

American Lung Association
www.lungusa.org

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National Dental Hygiene Month

American Dental Hygienists' Association
www.adha.org/ndhm/index.html

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Let's Talk Month

Advocates for Youth
www.advocatesforyouth.org

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National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Board of Sponsors
www.nbcam.org



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