

GRANTEE Update

February 9, 2009

The Update is a bi-weekly Web newsletter published by the Iowa Department of Public Health's Bureau of Family Health. It is posted the second and fourth week of every month, and provides useful job resource information for departmental health care professionals, information on training opportunities, intradepartmental reports and meetings, and additional information pertinent to health care professionals.

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Donated Prescription Drugs Aid Thousands of Iowans

Prescription drug donation program has successful year

In its first full year of operation, the Iowa Prescription Drug Donation Repository Program helped more than 3,000 low-income Iowans receive needed medications. Nearly 428,000 doses of prescription medications with a retail value of \$646,699 were distributed to participating free clinics, community health centers and doctor's offices.

The number of Iowans who are having difficulty paying for prescription medications continues to grow," said program Executive Director David Fries. "Without this program, many individuals would have gone without their medications." The program assists low-income Iowans by authorizing medical facilities and pharmacies to re-dispense prescription drugs and supplies that have been donated and would otherwise be destroyed. The majority of donations come from long-term care pharmacy providers, physician medication samples and private individuals.

Any medication, except for controlled substances, may be donated if the medication is sealed in its original, tamper-evident packaging. A single, unit-dose or blister pack with the outside packaging opened may be accepted if its packaging remains intact.

Patients who fall below 200 percent of the federal poverty level or who are uninsured or underinsured are eligible to receive donated medications from participating providers.



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Donated Prescription Drugs Aid Thousands of Iowans *continued*

The Iowa Prescription Drug Donation Repository Program began operating in May, 2007 and is administered by the Iowa Prescription Drug Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation. Grants from the Iowa Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) and the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network support the operation of the program. For more information on the program, call 1-866-282-5817 or visit www.iowapdc.org. The videos are part of CDC's efforts to increase access to information that can help people prevent illness and injury.

New CDC/FDA Social Media Resources for Information on Salmonella Typhimurium Outbreak

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are working together to provide important information about the recall of certain peanut butter and peanut-containing products that are associated with the recent *Salmonella* Typhimurium outbreaks.

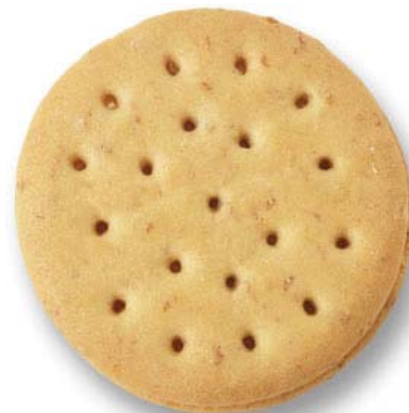
The latest resource is the new HHS, FDA and CDC social media Web page at www.cdc.gov/socialmedia, which provides many helpful tools in order to reach as many people as possible.

The social media site makes it easy to obtain automatically updated information on the outbreak and the product recall. The site provides resources for both consumers and partners, including:

- *Salmonella* Typhimurium Outbreak Map widget
- FDA products recall database widget
- Updated mobile site content
- CDC Podcasts
- FDA Dos and Dont's During the Peanut Salmonella Outbreak
- CDC Health-e-Cards
- And more!

Many of these resources are available in both English and Spanish!

Call 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for up-to-date information about the recalls and hundreds of other health and safety topics.



Eat Safely!
**Check the Peanut
Containing Product
Recall List**

www.fda.gov
or 1-800-CDC-INFO



Program Management

Updated Medicaid Provider Manuals Now Online

On January 30, 2009, the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise posted updated versions of the Medicaid Provider Manuals for Maternal Health Centers and Screening Centers. The current version of the manuals may be found online at:

■ Maternal Health Center:

www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual_Documents/Provman/maternhc.pdf

■ Screening Center:

www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual_Documents/Provman/scenter.pdf

The changes to the manuals are summarized in the transmittal found on the last two pages of each manual. Among the changes is the removal of references to informing and care coordination services (case management). For services provided on and after February 1, 2009, informing and care coordination services will no longer be reimbursed by Iowa Medicaid. Instead, they will be reimbursed by the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) through the Administrative Services agreement between the Iowa Department of Human Services and IDPH.

Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants Spring 2009

Information regarding the Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants Training Series 2009 is available on pages 8-9 of **The Update**. The Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants (ITPCCNC) consists of seven weeks of structured distance learning followed by four days of on-site training April 21-24, 2009.

The training has evolved, and changes have been made to meet the needs of the Early Childhood Care and Education system. Significant changes have been made to better prepare local CCNCs for their important role in promoting the health of our youngest Iowans and to reduce the travel costs related to the training during the current economic times. These changes can be viewed on page 10 of **The Update**.

W O R T H N O T I N G

Iowa-Not-For-Profit Alliance Conference

February 16-17, 2009

On February 16 and 17, 2009, we hope you'll join the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, the Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center, the Vilsack Foundation and a statewide steering committee of not-for-profit professionals for the Iowa Not-For-Profit Alliance Conference in Des Moines. We are bringing together not-for-profit organizations from across the state to form an alliance that will advocate with governments on behalf of all Iowa NFP organizations and need your input at this important conference. Early bird registration is open and you can read more information on the Alliance and conference at www.infpa.org.

The conference program identifies some excellent speakers and very timely information and discussion. The conference will promote three tracks including best practices, cost-saving measures and a legislative update. We look forward to seeing you in Des Moines.

Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting Training Available Online

The University of Iowa, Learning Management System is now offering an approved online Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training. The online course is supported through a partnership of the Iowa Departments of Human Services and Public Health and the Prepare Iowa network at the University of Iowa. The course is approved under curricula #2401 and is offered at no charge. To locate the training, go to the Healthy Child Care Iowa Web page at www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/events.asp and scroll down to the event.

We suggest you download the instructions handout as an aid in getting to the correct Internet link. You will be sent a certificate upon the completion of the course (which includes a post-test).

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Haemophilus influenzae, type b (Hib) invasive disease

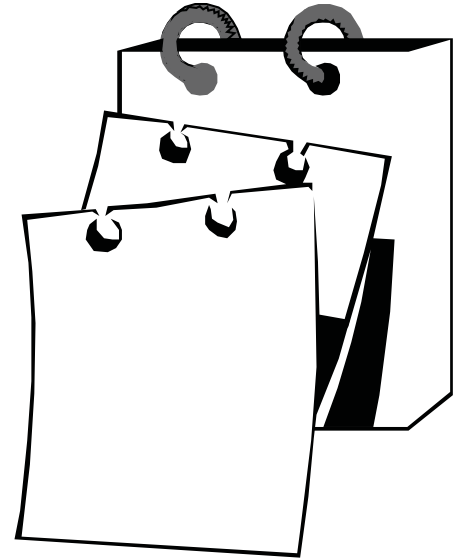
A recent Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Review (MMWR) article confirmed five cases of Haemophilus influenzae, type b (Hib) in children under age three in Minnesota in 2008. Three of the five patients had not received vaccinations because of parent or guardian deferral or refusal. This is the highest number of cases in children under age 5 that Minnesota has seen since 1991. One unimmunized infant died of Hib disease. The full article can be found at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm58e0123a1.htm. Iowa has had six cases of Hib since 2000; two were in children under the age of 5.

Since December 2007 there has been a shortage in the Hib vaccine supply. Due to this shortage, the CDC, the ACIP, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, recommended that providers temporarily defer administering the routine Hib vaccine booster dose administration at age 12-15 months except to children in specific high risk groups. **The current Hib vaccine supply in the U.S. is sufficient to ensure completion of the primary series for all children, but not yet to resume the booster dose.** Full vaccination with the primary series of Hib vaccine by age 7 months is critical to protect children from disease. The full interim recommendations for the use of the Hib vaccine is available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm56d1219a1.htm?s_cd=mm56d1219a1_e.

Deferring this booster dose raises concerns for increased carriage of the bacteria and breakthrough infection. Invasive disease can cause pneumonia, meningitis and epiglottitis. It is important for health care providers to consider Hib in the differential diagnosis of severely ill children. Vaccine supply is anticipated to improve mid-2009. Providers should register and track children for whom the booster dose is deferred to facilitate recalling them for vaccination when supply improves.

Providers who have questions regarding the Hib vaccine supply and the deferral of the booster doses of Hib vaccine, should contact the Immunization Program at 1-800-831-6293.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 2 - April 24, 2009

7 weeks of structured distance learning
followed by 4 days of on-site training April 21-24
For more information, contact Analisa Pearson at
(515) 281-7519 or 1-800-383-3826 or by e-mail at
apearson@idph.state.ia.us.

*April 7-8, 2009

2009 Public Health Conference
Scheman Conference Center, Ames
For more information, contact Andrew Connet at (515) 281-7184 or aconnet@idph.state.ia.us.

*Required meeting

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Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants Training Series 2009

Spring 2009



March 2, 2009 – April 24, 2009

Sponsors: Healthy Child Care Iowa (HCCI) through the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Spring 2009: The Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants (ITPCCNC) consists of 7 weeks of structured distance learning followed by 4 days of onsite training April 21-24.

Faculty and Planning Team: Candace Chihak, RN; Sally Clausen, ARNP, BSN; Karen Doughan, RN, BS; Ric Hirst, BS; Analisa Pearson, RN, BSN; Marsha Platt, RN, BSN; Cathy Renz, RN MEd; and Kim Schroeder, RN; BSN.

Target Audience: Iowa registered nurses (RN) working with early childhood care and education providers through the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Agencies; public health and Community Empowerment Areas in cooperation with the MCH Agencies; Head Start or Early Head Start; and local school districts.

Background of Child Care Nurse Consultants and Statement of Purpose: Child care nurse consultants (CCNC) are RNs who provide on-site consultation, training, and technical assistance to early childhood care and education providers. The ITPCCNC is the required initial didactic training program for CCNCs to expand their knowledge and skills to work with early childhood care and education providers.

Educational Objectives: Each course module contains learning objectives specific to the module topic. Overall course objectives are below.

Registered Nurses will be able to:

- Identify the components for best practices in health and safety in early childhood care and education environments and programs
- Assess the quality of health and safety policy and practices in early childhood care and education
- Consult with early childhood care and education providers to improve health and safety in their businesses
- Identify community partners and resources to assist in improving the quality in early childhood care and education
- Identify the role of public health principles and practices in child care

Training Topics:

Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education in Iowa
Building Curriculum Development & Training Skills
Building Consultations Skills
Child Development
Quality in Child Care
Nutrition and Physical Activity in Early Childhood Care and Education
Injury Prevention in Early Childhood Care and Education
Environmental Health in Early Childhood Care and Education
Infectious Disease in Early Childhood Care and Education
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Training Topics (continued)

Mental Health in Early Childhood Care and Education
Care for Children who are Mildly Ill and Temporarily Disabled
Caring for Children with Special Needs
Oral Health in Early Childhood Care and Education
Health and Safety of Early Childhood Care and Education Staff

NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR EMPLOYERS:

1. Electronic Communication: The course relies heavily on electronic communication using email and retrieval of documents from the Internet. The participant's employer shall assure each participant has an individual computer with business-related email address where the course coordinator may send correspondence. Participants will need to be able to access Google Docs™ and Google Groups™ to successfully participate in and complete the course.

2. Course Reading and Written Assignment Expectations: Participants receive most of the course materials through electronic communication. Participants will study various topics weekly, with written assignments, and required activities including online discussions, and conference calls throughout. Participants are expected to participate in all activities and complete all designated assignments thoroughly and on time to successfully complete the course.

3. The onsite portion of the training: April 21-24, will be held at the Community Room of the Jordan Creek Towne Center, 101 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa. Tel: 515-224-5000.

www.jordancreektowncenter.com



Nursing CEUs: The Iowa Department of Human Services is an Iowa Board of Nursing approved provider, Number 94. CEUs are being applied for, and # CEUs will be awarded to individuals successfully completing the course, partial credit will not be awarded.

- Application Process:** The enrollment process contains several steps:
1. Interested applicants must complete an online survey to determine eligibility. Visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dz7hEbdjtdI_2b4myL_2f9vwxw_3d_3d
 2. **Applications will be accepted from February 2-25, 2009.** Applicants are notified by email regarding acceptance. Approved applicants receive an enrollment agreement to complete and return to Healthy Child Care Iowa. Both the applicant and the applicants' employer must sign the enrollment agreement and return to the HCCI state office *prior* to training. For questions regarding application completion or enrollment, call Analisa Pearson, Tel: 800-383-3826.

Registration Fee: The registration fee is \$200 and is due no later than March 6, 2009. Checks made out to the Iowa Department of Public Health may be mailed to the attention of Healthy Child Care Iowa. IDPH has a limited number of scholarships available, contact Analisa Pearson for more details if the cost of the training is prohibitive.

Refund Policy: No refund of the registration fee will be given after the course has begun.

Cancellation Policy: Participants will be informed if the course is cancelled for any reason, including low enrollment.

Course Coordinator Contact Information:

Please contact the course coordinator, Analisa Pearson, RN, BSN, with your questions. Iowa Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075. Tel: 515-281-7519 or 800-383-3826. Fax: 515-242-6013 Email: apearson@idph.state.ia.us

Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants

Spring 2009

This year, three members of the Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants (ITPCCNC) training team have participated in the National Training Institute for Child Care Health Consultants (NTI) in North Carolina. The training has evolved, and significant changes have been made to meet the needs of the Early Childhood Care and Education system. Significant changes have been made to better prepare local CCNCs for their important role in promoting the health of our youngest Iowans and to reduce the travel costs related to the training during the current economic times.

How is the training different?

Modules have been updated, topics added, and the training format has changed. The course will begin March 2, with a conference call, followed by 7 weeks of structured distance learning. New topics will be introduced each week, with required assignments and activities for the week. The course will culminate with a four day onsite training that will synthesize the information presented throughout the course in a practicum format.

What other changes have been made to the training?

To build a stronger connection between the role of the CCNC and the roles and goals of the MCH Agency, the Iowa Training Project will involve the CCNC's supervisor in some aspects of the Training Project. For example, assignments will be submitted to the supervisor and the course instructor, the supervisor will participate in a joint onsite visit with a child care provider to observe the work of the CCNC, and feedback will be provided to the supervisor from child care providers regarding the CCNC's consultation skills.

How much time will a nurse need for the assignments?

The ITPCCNC will be conducted with the intensity and expectations of a university course, not a seminar or conference. Nurse applicants will need to dedicate a minimum of 10 working hours each week to the curriculum during the distance learning sessions.

What are the dates for the Spring Course?

Registration: February 2-25, 2009

Spring 2009 Course:

- Course begins March 2, 2009
 - ★ Mandatory conference call for nurse applicants: March 2, 2009 from 10am - 12n
- Final exam and coursework completion: April 24, 2009

Who should apply?

Qualified applicants are Iowa registered nurses working in early childhood care and education programs through local public health, Maternal and Child Health, Head Start or Early Head Start, Schools, or Community Empowerment Areas. The full course brochure is available on our website at <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/>

How can a nurse register for the training?

Apply to participate in the Spring 2009 Course beginning February 2nd through the Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants' Online Application at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dz7hEbdjtdI_2b4myL_2f9vvxw_3d_3d.