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The Update

Profile of Children's Overall Health

Child Trends released data from a fifteen year profile on children's health based on family income, including national and state-level data. The data is based on a survey of parents on the overall health of their children. Healthy children were defined as those whose parents rated their health as "excellent" or "very good", and are expressed as a percentage of all children in the table below.

| Year | Poverty Level | <200% FPL | >200% FPL |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2003 | Iowa | 81.8% | 91.7% |
| | United States | 74.2% | 90.9% |
| 2007 | Iowa | 80.1% | 91.4% |
| | United States | 74.0% | 91.2% |
| 2011-2012 | Iowa | 83.0% | 92.0% |
| | United States | 75.2% | 91.2% |

Click [here](#) to see the full report!

The Update is a monthly web newsletter published by the Iowa Department of Public Health's Bureau of Family Health. It is posted once a 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.



Important Stuff

New Staff Highlight - Kelly Haase

Community Health Consultant | Quality Assurance - Medicaid FFS

Kelly received her Masters of Health Care Administration from Des Moines University. She started her career at Iowa Methodist in Radiology, working in all aspects, but primarily MRI. She worked as a QA Quality Partner for the Department of Clinical Outcomes for the Iowa Health System, before transitioning to the field of education, where she worked for the Carlisle School System.

Kelly is married, has two daughters, and a 3 legged German Shepherd. In her free time, she can be found at a softball diamond or a race track, cheering for her daughters.

Legislative Update

Joint Budget Targets Released

The leadership of the Senate and House Chambers have released joint budget targets for all of the **appropriations subcommittees**. Joint targets are a positive sign that the chambers are working together to move this session closer to its end date. Targets provide the expenditure parameters to the co-chairs (one Senator and one Representative) of each subcommittee. In other words, they have been authorized to appropriate a certain amount of the estimated General Fund revenue for FY 2015 to the departments and agencies under their purview. The **Health and Human Services (HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee** appropriates funding for IDPH, the Department of Human Services, the Department on Aging, and the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Iowa Veterans Home. The budget target for HHS is \$1,858,353,019. This is \$950,000 lower than the Governor's recommended budget for FY 2015. The reduction could be spread across all of the agencies. However, legislators will also need to take into account the various funding requests from lobbyists and advocacy groups in addition to ensuring that HHS-related policy bills with estimated fiscal costs are also funded in this budget. The HHS budget bill will start in the House Chamber this year. As of this writing a bill has not been introduced.

SF 2285 Iowa Healthiest Children Initiative

Formerly SF 2144. This bill is eligible for debate on the Senate Chamber floor. IDPH can absorb the work of the task force into current efforts required and funded by the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. This bill passed the Senate Chamber on March 3 by a vote of 48-0. It has been assigned to the **House Human Resources Committee**. As of this writing, the subcommittee of Representatives **Greg Forristall** (chair), **Joel Fry**, and **Lisa Heddens** have not scheduled a meeting on the bill.

The Legislative Update is also posted on the **IDPH website**. To subscribe to the IDPH Legislative Update, please send a blank email to: join-IDPHLEGUPDATE@lists.ia.gov.

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Calendar at a Glance

March

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Prevention First Day on the Hill | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

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April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 <i>hawk-i/I-Smile™</i> Meeting | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 2014 Child Abuse Prevention and Family Support Conference | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (HV CoIIN)

IDPH recently submitted an application to participate in the HV CoIIN. In addition, an Iowa home visitor and the state home visiting leader were selected to participate in the HV CoIIN advisory panel. The HV CoIIN project is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Division of Home Visiting and Early Childhood Systems.

The mission of the HV CoIIN is to achieve breakthrough improvement in select process and outcome measures, including the benchmark areas legislatively mandated for the Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, while reducing or maintaining program costs. Additionally, the mission includes the development of means to spread the initial learning and improvement more widely within participating organizations and to other MIECHV grantees and local implementing agencies. Click on the logo to the right for more information!

