

Important Stuff

Legislative Update

SF 2285 lowa Healthiest Children Initiative - This bill did not pass the House Human Resources Committee. Since the bill died in the funnel, it will not be passed as a standalone bill but may be added as an amendment to another bill or be included in the appropriations bill or the standings bill that is introduced near the end of the session.

HF 2463 Health and Human Services Budget - The budget was released and is eligible

for debate in the House Chamber. Appropriations and allocations are status quo compared to FY 2014, with some proposed changes for FY 2015. Click on the boxes to the right for more information.

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The Iowa Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood (MIECHV) program is piloting a unique evaluation project. In the Community Change Photovoice Pilot Project, photographs taken by community partners will be used to express their individual voice and perceptions about how their community has been impacted by MIECHV.

Background

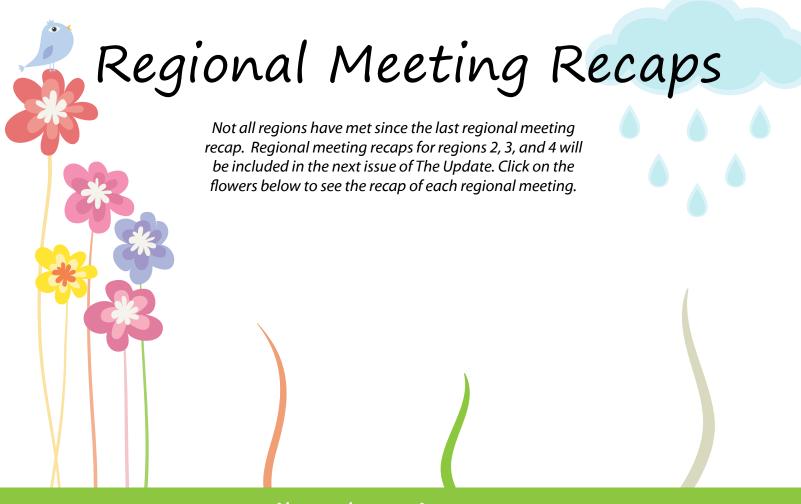
The lowa MIECHV team has noticed anecdotal evidence which suggests that community communication and leadership structures have been strengthened in a number of involved communities. However, data collected for MIECHV are mainly at the individual, family, or program level. There is little to no data collected to determine how the influx of funding for family support has impacted communities. The Community Change Photovoice Pilot Project is an effort to qualitatively evaluate the community impact of MIECHV. Based on lessons learned and insights gained through the pilot, the Photovoice evaluation technique may be modified and used across the state.

The primary goal of this pilot is to collect information on how MIECHV and home visitation in general has had an impact on one lowa community. A secondary goal is to evaluate the effectiveness of Photovoice as a community change evaluation technique.

Process

Participants have conducted a detailed environmental scan. They have begun to take pictures of their impression of the community's change over time. They have been invited to explain how the pictures represent their impressions through brief narration. The MIECHV state team will compile the images and narration. Participants will discuss the compiled outcomes and will decide how to share their work with others.





Family Planning Resource

A new online tool created by the Guttmacher Institute allows users to create customized tables with data on the contraceptive needs and services within a given county or groups of counties in a state. All data included in the new tool are for 2010, the most recent year available.

Among the key data points that can be downloaded into tables are:

- women in need of contraceptive services (i.e., women aged 13–44 who are sexually active and able to become pregnant, but do not wish to become pregnant) by age, race/ethnicity and income;
- women in need of publicly funded contraceptive services (i.e., those in need of contraception and also either younger than age 20, or age 20 and older with an income below 250% of the federal poverty level);
- number of publicly funded clinics and the numbers of clients served, overall or among clinics receiving
 Title X funding.

Once a table has been created, it can be downloaded in Excel format. The county-level Tablemaker is available here.

For more information:

Fact Sheets and Videos

Facts on Publicly Funded Contraceptive Services in the United States

State Facts About Unintended Pregnancy

State Facts About Title X and Family Planning

State Policies in Brief

Guttmacher video: Publicly Supported Family Planning Services Are Essential

Policy Analysis

Title X: An Essential Investment, Now More Than Ever



Calendar at a Glance

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April			1	2	3	4	5
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May	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Farewell to Gretchen Hageman

Gretchen has accepted a position as the Health and Wellness Plan Director with Delta Dental of Iowa. While we are sad to lose such a strong leader and champion for Maternal and Child Health, we wish her the best in her new role. Gretchen's last day with the Iowa Department of Public Health will be May 1st.

Randy Meyer, bureau chief for the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis, has been appointed as the interim bureau chief and will service in that capacity until a new bureau chief is hired. Randy's contact information is: Randall.Meyer@idph.iowa.gov; 515-242-5150.

Social Media Spotlight - LinkedIn

Do you want to keep in touch with current and former coworkers, but don't want to add them to your personal Facebook? Try connecting on LinkedIn! LinkedIn is a professional networking sight that allows you to connect and stay in touch with professional contacts, and find and share resources to enhance and further your career. Click on the logo to go to the site!

