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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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Happy Birthday to Baby's First Test!

Genetic Alliance's Program Educates and Empowers Families & Health Care Providers During National Newborn Screening Awareness Month

Newborn screening is one of the most successful public health programs in the United States. Nearly 4 million babies are screened every year. This September we pause to celebrate this incredible program and its power to offer health care providers critical screening tools that impact the lives of families.

Baby's First Test informs and empowers families and health care providers throughout the entire newborn screening experience. BabysFirstTest.org offers millions of newborns and their families a chance at a healthy start. State-by-state, condition-by-condition, this site is an essential tool for expecting parents and clinicians alike.

The site features information on the screening process, specific conditions, and where to go for more information and help. "Newborn Screening Awareness month helps to heighten the public's awareness of the newborn screening process," said Natasha F. Bonhomme, project director of Baby's First Test. "Baby's First Test guides families through the steps of newborn screening, providing the right information at the right time because families deserve to know about their child's health, and every baby deserves to be healthy."

More than 1 in 300 newborns have a condition detectable through newborn screening and 98 percent of all babies born in the U.S. go through newborn screening after 24 hours of life. All it takes is a heel stick (a few drops of blood from the heel), hearing test and, in some states, pulse oximetry to screen for conditions.

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Fall Seminar

The 2012 MCH/FP Fall Seminar will be held October 16-17, 2012 at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames. The Fall Seminar will again combine the efforts of the Bureau of Family Health (BFH) and Oral Health Center.

The Fall Seminar will provide Title V and Title X an opportunity to move from knowledge to practice in identifying Title V and Title X agencies' role in health care reform activities. Staff from the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) and state health care reform experts will provide information on what is happening across the state and nation. Participants will gain practical applications for getting involved in health care reform activities through facilitated discussions and action planning activities.

To register for the Fall Seminar, please complete the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/FallSeminarRegistration. Please register by October 9th.

This meeting is required for maternal health coordinators, child health coordinators, and family planning coordinators. Other staff, including project directors, are encouraged to attend. The registration fee is $60 and covers all conference materials, lunch and snacks on Oct.16th, and breakfast on October 17th. Please add $15 if you are attending either the ***hawk-i*** Coordinators, Family Planning Directors, or 1st Five Consortium meetings. The registration fee is non-refundable, but can be transferred to another attendee.

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Currently, all states require newborn screening for at least 26 health conditions. The federal government recommends screening for 31 conditions. Most affected babies identified through newborn screening who receive treatment early grow up healthy with typical development.

"I applaud Baby's First Test on its first year of success," said Scott M. Shone, PhD, research scientist 1 and program manager for the New Jersey Department of Health. "Since its launch, Baby's First Test has provided critical information and resources about newborn screening at the local, state and national level. Baby's First Test is one of the resources I offer to parents seeking information on newborn screening." View the Baby's First Test Infographic.

About Genetic Alliance

Genetic Alliance transforms health through genetics, promoting an environment of openness centered on the health of individuals, families, and communities. Genetic Alliance brings together diverse stakeholders that create novel partnerships in advocacy; integrates individual, family and community perspectives to improve health systems; and revolutionizes access to information to enable translation of research into services and individualized decision making. For more information about Genetic Alliance, visit www.geneticalliance.org.

For information about Iowa's newborn screening programs, contact Kimberly Piper at kimberly.piper@idph.iowa.gov.

Calendar

October 16-17, 2012
***Bureau of Family Health Fall Seminar**
Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Ames

* Required meeting

OCTOBER Contract Required Due Dates

1 - Start of FFY13 MCH/FP Contracts

1 - Due in SharePoint:
- Agency Contact Information & Program Staffing Form
- Table of Organization
- Professional License Table
- MCH Presumptive Eligibility Informing and Care Coordination Staff Qualifications Table
- Data and Client Records Personnel Forms
- Confidentiality and Documentation Policy
- Subcontracts of $2000 or greater
- I-Smile Coordination Form
- Early ACCESS Service Coordinator Job Description
- Written Agreement with CCR&R Lead Agency

12 - FP Client Visit Records & CUR's to Ahlers

15 - Change CAReS Password

15 - I-Smile Coordinator Meeting

15 - Due in SharePoint:
- MCH/OH Cost Analysis
- MCH Transportation Plan
- FP Sliding Fee Schedule/Client Income Schedule/Client Visit Records
- MCH / FP EEW Work Flow / FFS Expenditures

16-17 - Fall Seminar

17 - FP Director's Meeting

29 - Export WHIS Records to IDPH (Year end final data transmission)

30 - CAReS/WHIS Service Note Review

30 - 2012 4th Quarter ***hawk-i*** Outreach Progress Report

30 - 2012 Dental Data Report

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