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Information

New HealthCare.gov Website Launched

HealthCare.gov recently launched their new, consumer-focused website and an always-accessible (24/7) call center. The new website and toll-free number share one mission: to make sure all Americans who need health coverage have the information they need to make the right choices for themselves—as well as their businesses or families.

Make sure you have the coverage you need to help prevent or manage diabetes.

For more information: ***http://www.healthcare.gov***

EPA-sponsored Webinar: Green Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting in Early Care and Education (ECE) Settings

Regular cleaning is important for maintaining attractive and healthful conditions in early learning environments. Besides the obvious aesthetic benefits, cleaning, along with sanitizing and disinfecting, removes dust, allergens, toxic contaminants and infectious agents.

But some cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting products pose significant health and environmental concerns and some chemicals in these products are associated with eye, skin, and respiratory irritation, as well as other health issues. Concentrated forms of some commercial cleaning products are classified as hazardous, creating potential handling, storage, and disposal issues for users and exposure risk for children and staff.

Small children are particularly vulnerable to health effects from exposure to chemicals in cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting products because of their size, stage of development and behaviors. But there are easy steps you can take to maintain a clean, sanitary and healthy child care while at the same time reducing exposure to harmful chemicals.

Please join us for a webinar on **Green Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting in Early Care and Education Settings on July 23 at 1:00 - 2:30 Eastern**. Reserve your spot now by visiting: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/175606600 so you can learn how to implement a green cleaning program in your child care facility.

This webinar is sponsored by EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection and features three national experts who will provide information you can use to institute a green cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting program in early care and education centers you manage or oversee.

The panel discussion will include results of research on exposure to chemicals in child care settings and how these exposures can affect the health of staff and children. It will also provide practical tips for instituting a green cleaning program in your ECE center drawing upon information contained in the soon-to-be released **"Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting: A Toolkit for Early Care and Education"** co-authored by the speakers. The Toolkit will be available online this summer at:

http://cerch.org/greencleaningtoolkit/

http://www.informedgreensolutions.org/?q=publications/green-cleaning-toolkit

Speakers:

Carol Westinghouse: President of Informed Green Solutions and a nationally recognized specialist in green cleaning. Ms. Westinghouse developed and manages a Cleaning for Health program that has provided technical assistance to hundreds of schools across New England as well as early care and education centers, colleges and universities, health care facilities, state agencies and businesses. She has served as an advisor and consultant for numerous projects relating to green cleaning, including projects for the States of Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maine and Rhode Island. She has authored and co-authored numerous fact sheets and other guidance documents on green cleaning for schools and early care and education programs.

Vickie Leonard: Dr. Leonard is a nurse practitioner and is also a child care health consultant with a particular interest in environmental health in ECE. She worked for the California Childcare Health Program for 5 years until funding was cut in 2010. While at CCHP, Dr. Leonard developed the first Toolkit, Integrated Pest Management: A Toolkit for Early Care and Education. She now works for the University of California, San Francisco's Institute on Health and Aging where she is the lead author of the new Green Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting Toolkit for Early Care and Education.

Asa Bradman: Dr. Bradman is an environmental health scientist who focuses on exposures to pregnant women and children. He is a co-founder of the Center for Environmental Research and Children's Health (CERCH) at the University of California's Berkeley campus and helps direct biomonitoring and exposure studies as part of the CHAMACOS partnership in the Salinas Valley, California. He leads the CERCH initiative to improve environmental health in California child care facilities. He was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the Scientific Guidance Panel for the California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program and is a scientific advisor to the National Center for Healthy Homes, the California Child Care Health Program, the Children's Environmental Health Network, and the US EPA Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC)/21st Century Toxicology workgroup.

eWIC

Iowa eWIC Planning Phase completed

The Iowa WIC program partnered with the Colorado WIC program to produce a joint request for proposal (RFP) in the first step of the process to procure a contractor for eWIC implementation. The two states worked collaboratively from August, 2012 until FNS provided approval of the RFP in June, 2013. The approval of the RFP marks the conclusion of the planning phase of the eWIC project; however, the 2014 USDA federal budget does not include funding for eWIC implementation. What this means for the Iowa WIC program is that work toward an eWIC environment will continue, although the impact of such efforts will be minimally visible until federal funding is available to fully fund implementation activities. Once funding is made available, the Iowa and Colorado WIC programs will proceed to procure an implementation contractor through the approved joint RFP.

What does this mean – is eWIC going to happen or not?

Yes. Despite the unavailability of implementation funding, the USDA has maintained the 2020 mandate for WIC EBT; therefore, it is expected that the Iowa WIC program continue to make progress toward implementation. During the remainder of 2013 and into early 2014, Iowa eWIC efforts will be concentrated on preparing for the Approved Product List (APL) requirement of eWIC. In an eWIC environment, the program must be able to provide an electronic file to all Iowa WIC approved retailers identifying all products by universal product code (UPC) that are eligible for purchase with WIC benefits. The tasks and equipment associated with the ability to produce and provide an APL include capture of UPC and product data, creation and maintenance of a database of Iowa WIC UPC data. Completing the APL project prior to full eWIC implementation will allow the Iowa WIC program to carefully manage the collection of UPC data to ensure that all WIC approved products are included in the APL when eWIC implementation proceeds.

Dates to Remember

2013

- Contractor's Meeting – August 20, 2013
- Infant and Child Core Workshop – August 29, 2013
- Communication and Rapport Building Workshop – October 29, 2013

New Employee Training Go-to-Meeting

- NETC Go-To-Meeting (All new staff) – August 8, 2013 from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Health Professional) – August 15, 2013 from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Support Staff) – August 22, 2013 from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (All new staff) – October 10, 2013 from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Health Professional) – October 17, 2013 from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Support Staff) – October 24 from 8:30-11:30

2014

Core Trainings

- Maternal: March 25, 2014
- Breastfeeding: March 26, 2014
- Infant/Child: August 28, 2014
- Communication & Rapport: October 29, 2014

Available Formula

Product	Quantity	Expiration Date	Agency	Contact
EleCare Jr. Unflavored Portagen	1 containers – 14.1 oz 5 containers – 16 oz	8/2013 8/2013	New Opportunities	Brenda Densmore 712-830-1329
EleCareJr Vanilla	3 cans	8/2013	Upper DsM Opportunity	Janet DeLoughery 712-580-4269
Peptamen, Jr. (vanilla)	76 – 8.45 oz cartons	8/22/13	Webster County Health Dept.	Kathy Josten 515-573-4107

Product	Quantity	Expiration Date	Agency	Contact
KetoCal 4:1 ratio Powder	6 containers	8/29/13	Webster County Health Dept.	Kathy Josten 515-573-4107
Pediasure Peptide 1.0 cal, Vanilla	4 ½ cases of 8 oz containers	9/1/13	American Home Finding Assoc.	Cindy Canaday-Meiners 641-682-8784
Neosure RTU	2 cases (6-1Q) plus 3 bottles	1/2014	Mid Sioux Opportunity	Glenda Heyderhoff 712-786-3488
Peptamen Jr.	8 cases of 24 15 cans	6/2014 5/2014	Mid-Sioux Opportunity	Glenda Heyderhoff 712-786-3488
Elecare Junior Unflavored powder	3 cans 6 cans	7/2014 12/2014	Broadlawns	Rose Logan 515-282-6717
Duocal	1 can – 14 oz	4/2016	Mid-Sioux Opportunity	Glenda Heyderhoff 712-786-3417