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Building the Road to Sustainability Fifth Annual Ounce of Prevention Conference (Secretary O'Leary and Commissioner Koh will participate)

Planning continues for Building the Road to Sustainability, fifth annual Ounce of Prevention Conference on March 13-14, 1998 in Marlboro. State Health and Human Services Secretary William O'Leary and new DPH Commissioner Howard Koh will address the gathering during the awards luncheon on March 13. Regional U.S. Health and Human Services Director Judith Kurland will give the welcoming remarks, followed by the keynote address by Tyler Norris, Executive Director of the National Coalition for Healthier Cities and Communities.

Thirty skills-based workshops will be offered on March 13 which address four key areas related to sustaining community prevention programs -- fundraising, volunteer and leadership management, strategic planning, and marketing and public relations. Once again this year, a mix of beginner and advanced sessions will be offered.

The Saturday March 14 session will feature a day long interactive exercise on developing a Sustainability plan. Participants will select one of five community case studies. Small groups of 15 - 20 people will work together through the day to plan how their community would respond to key challenges on their own road to Sustainability. Specific learning exercises will be offered in Fundraising, Volunteer and Leadership Management, Strategic Planning, and Public Relations and Marketing. Bilingual groups will also be available.

Over the course of the day work groups will develop a comprehensive plan to sustain their coalition. The learnings from the day will be compiled into a summary document that will be distributed to all conference participants later in the spring.

Case scenarios are now being drafted that simulate conditions in the following types of communities:

- Large city -- Boston/Worcester/Springfield
- Metro city -- Cambridge/Somerville
- Small City -- Lowell/Fall River/Fitchburg
- Suburban town -- Milton/Davners/ etc.
- Rural area -- W. MA hilltowns, etc.

For more information on the prevention conference contact Michael Coughlin at (617) 624-5485.



Healthy People 2010

Feds Propose New Framework

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proposing a new framework to measure the nation's progress in improving its collective health for the period 2000 -- 2010. *Vision of 2010: Healthy People in Healthy Communities* sets broad based goals for the nation to improve health for all -- 1) Increase healthy years of life, 2) eliminate health disparities, 3) promote healthy behaviors, 4) protect health, 5) assure access to quality health care, and 6) strengthen community prevention.

Following from these goals will be a series of objectives which address major public health issues. ODPHP is proposing two types of objectives -- a) measurable objectives, which provide direction for action by measuring progress in improving health in comparison to available baseline data; and b) developmental objectives which provide a vision for a desired outcome or health status but for which not data is currently available from surveillance systems.

A revised framework is being submitted to ODPHP by ASTHO (Association of State and Territorial Health Officers). The comment period is currently scheduled to end on December 15. For more information on Healthy People 2010 see the web site at "hdphp.osophs.dhhs.gov/healthypeople".



Jakarta Declaration

Health Promotion into the 21st Century

The fourth International Conference on Health Promotion was organized by the World Health Organization this summer in Jakarta, Indonesia to identify the directions and strategies which are required to address the challenges of promoting health in the 21st century.

Participants in the conference reaffirmed the strategies first set forth ten years ago at the first international conference in Ottawa, Canada which drafted the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion that called for building healthy public policy grounded in the creation of healthy communities.

The Jakarta Declaration cited the need for new responses to the challenges of health promotion in the 21st. century. Five priorities were identified:

- 1) Promoting social responsibility for health
- 2) Increase investments for health development
- 3) Consolidate and expand partnerships for health
- 4) Increase community capacity and empower the individual
- 5) Secure an infrastructure for health promotion.

The participants called on WHO to take the lead in engaging governments and other organizations in advancing the action priorities for health promotion.



Partners for Prevention

Tobacco Settlement Session held October 16

Partners for Prevention held an informative session on the proposed tobacco settlement on October 15 in Boston. Tom Greene from the Office of the Attorney General discussed the merits of the proposal and Graham Kelder Tobacco Control Resource Center at Northeastern University Law School raised some concerns about the settlement.

Membership in Partners continues to grow. The organization is currently organizing a committee structure that will develop a program for the coming year. Following are the substantive areas that members can participate in:
Education -- inform members about important public policy issues

Communications -- development of a sophisticated statewide electronic and mail communication system

- Membership -- develop a long range membership development plan
- Organization -- develop a long range plan
- Program -- plan Partners' quarterly meetings

To Join Partners or for more information contact Tony Palomba at The Medical Foundation or visit our Web site at "www.preventionpartners.org"



Statewide CHNA Gathering

Held on November 24th

Over 100 CHNA members from around the state attended the second annual statewide CHNA gathering, *Working Together for Healthy Communities* on November 24 in Framingham. New DPH Commissioner Howard Koh addressed the gathering, reinforcing DPH's commitment to the CHNA process, and praising all of the work that community members from around the state had put into making the initiative successful.

CHNA members participated in three interactive sessions over the course of the day:

Expanding our Vision -- Participants, working in small groups, shared their thoughts about the ongoing strengths and weaknesses of the CHNA process and how they would like to see it changed. A common refrain among the groups was concern about the diversity of membership, the lack of consumer or community volunteers involved in many CHNAs, and the need for more dedicated resources to CHNAs.

Issue Sessions -- CHNA members active in common issue areas were able to share information and strategies in the areas of substance abuse, access to health care, violence, immunization, healthy lifestyles, asthma, youth, injury prevention, and HIV/AIDS.

Coalition Building Strategies -- skill and strategy sessions were held for membership building, PR/marketing, decision-making, team building, communication, leadership, planning, working with data, and CHNA survey results.

The ideas and concerns generated in the many small groups that met on November 24 will be compiled into a summary document and distributed in the near future. Participants and other CHNA members will be informed about all follow up plans coming out of the event. For more information about the CHNA initiative contact Hong Vuong at 617 624-5255.

Expanded State Supplied Vaccine Availability

Hepatitis B, Varicella, MMR and Hepatitis A Vaccines

The Massachusetts Immunization Program (MIP) is pleased to announce the expanded availability of FREE hepatitis B, varicella, MMR, and hepatitis A vaccines.

Hepatitis B Vaccine - is now available to all children through 18 years of age, with targeted catch-up of adolescents in the 6th through 12th grades and all children in any of the high risk groups.

Varicella Vaccine - is now available for susceptible children through 18 years of age, and susceptible household contacts of immunocompromised individuals regardless of age.

MMR Vaccine - is now available for the first or second dose for all children through 18 years of age.

Hepatitis A Vaccine - is being made available for the first time by the MIP. This vaccine is available for high risk children through 18 years of age, with prior approval from the MIP.

The MIP is encouraging providers to try to catch-up adolescents with varicella and hepatitis B vaccine within the next two to three years. It is possible that sufficient funding for all these adolescent age groups may not be available after this time period. This catch-up policy is in accordance with the latest national recommendations. Vaccine providers who are enrolled in the MIP can receive these vaccines, and others supplied by the MIP, from their local vaccine distributor with the exception of varicella vaccine in which is ordered through the MIP and then shipped directly to the providers' offices by the manufacturer.

Follow-up Testing for Serum PCB Levels

The Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment (BEHA) recently released the Housatonic River Area PCB Exposure Assessment Study. This assessment was conducted in Western Massachusetts to identify the frequency of different activities that might lead to opportunities for polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) exposure, and to determine, through the use of blood testing, how various activities may have contributed to higher serum PCB levels among residents of the Housatonic River Area. PCBs are man-made chemicals which are no longer manufactured in the United States, but continue to be used in the production and repair of transformers. A number of studies have reported that health effects from long term exposure to PCBs include immune

system suppression, liver damage, neurological effects, and possible cancer. BEHA's study in the Housatonic river Area concluded that PCB levels in the participants tested were generally within the normal background range for non-occupational exposed individuals. However, the following individuals were found to have slightly higher PCB levels: occupational exposed individuals, older individuals, and individuals who reported greater frequency and duration of consumption of fish or fiddlehead ferns.

Concurrent with the release of this report, environmental regulatory officials, including the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, discovered more widespread contamination in additional residential areas. As a result, the Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment provided free PCB blood testing to anyone who had not already participated in our earlier study. As of December 1, approximately 120 residents had samples taken at the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. Residents concerned with their opportunities for exposure to PCBs are able to voluntarily contact the toll free number 1-800-240-4266 to schedule blood testing. For more information about PCB exposure and the Housatonic River Area call the Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment at 617-624-5757. from Springfield College, and Caryn Kauffman from the Coalition on Addiction, Pregnancy and Parenting.

Governor's Initiative on Substance-Related Sexual Assault Prevention

Acting Governor Argeo Paul Celluci directed DPH this fall to educate the public about the problem of substance-related sexual assault, with a particular focus on prevention work on state college and university campuses. DPH has convened an interagency advisory group and begun to disseminate information in partnership with state agencies including the Board of Higher Education, the State Police Academy and Diversion Investigative Units, the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, Mass. Office of Victim Assistance, and students and staff of state campuses. DPH's public-private partnership also includes the pharmaceutical company Hoffman LaRoche, as well as statewide and regional organizations such as the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault, New England College Sexual Assault Network, Massachusetts College and University Public Safety Directors, and many other organizations. DPH has also presented workshops and disseminated information at conferences and trainings for campus police officers, school health professionals, sexual assault prevention and survivor services programs, teen dating violence programs, victim advocates, and many others.

This information is then incorporated into ongoing violence/crime prevention and health education programs.

The problem of using drugs as a tool to commit sexual assault is not a new phenomenon. However, there has been growing attention to the problem of substance-related sexual assault. Much of the recent media attention has been on benzodiazepine misuse, with a particular focus on Rohypnol (flunitrazepam), a strong sedative not legal for use in the United States. Gamma Hydroxy Butyric Acid, a depressant which can be "home-cooked" and is also illegal in the United States, has been used in cases of drugging and assault as well. These drugs have been "slipped" into victims' drinks by individuals who later assault them. If the drink is alcoholic, the drugs' effects (eg, amnesia, confusion, disinhibition) can be even more profound and dangerous. In rare instances, coma and death have occurred after ingestion.

The drugs' effects also make it difficult for the person who has been assaulted to remember what occurred, and he or she may have a "confused" story. Although this may be a sign of trauma stemming from an assault, it can also indicate that the person may have been drugged. There is a urine test for both rohypnol and GHB available. Urine must be collected within 72 hours of ingestion for rohypnol, and the sample should be kept refrigerated and secured to protect the chain of evidence. The State Police Crime Lab can perform this test on urine samples included in sexual assault evidence kits, and Hoffman LaRoche also has contracted with an independent lab to provide urine testing which can be accessed by calling 1-800-608-6540.

Individuals who have just been drugged and/or assaulted and need emergency assistance should call 911. For free support services after an assault, there are sexual assault prevention and survivor services programs funded by DPH that serve every part of the state; each one has a 24 hour toll-free crisis line. Medical assistance and forensic exams can also be obtained at health care facilities by survivors even if they choose not to report the assault for possible prosecution. For those who do want to report an assault, the local police can be contacted. Finally, the state police have established a drug tip line to report that someone may have or be distributing illegal drugs such as rohypnol or GHB: 1-888-766-3437.

For more information on substance-related sexual assault, please contact your local sexual assault prevention and survivor services program,* the DPH substance-related sexual assault initiative at 617-624-5457 or 617-624-6067, or check out the related information and resources on the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs webpage at www.state.ma.us/gaad.

*For Spanish-speakers, there is a statewide Spanish language 24 hr. sexual assault hotline: 800-223-5001.

Article by Marci Diamond

ew Grants Awarded for Injury Prevention

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has recently been awarded two new grants for injury prevention efforts from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Emergency Department Surveillance and Coordinated Injury Prevention (EDSCIP) and the Residential Fire Injury Prevention Project: Fire-Safe Families will each be funded for three years and will contribute to reducing the burden of injury to Massachusetts citizens. A total of 19 awards were made nationwide; Massachusetts was the only state to receive two awards.

Emergency Department Surveillance and Coordinated Injury Prevention (EDSCIP) will develop a statewide injury surveillance system based on data collected from a random sample of hospital emergency departments. Currently there is no centralized reporting of emergency department-treated injuries, and this project will provide unique data for injury prevention programs. Close collaboration between the surveillance system and injury prevention programs will be an integral feature of the system. The project is a collaborative effort of the Injury Prevention and Control Program and the Bureau of Health Statistics, Research and Evaluation.

The purpose of the Residential Fire Injury Prevention Project is to demonstrate means of promoting home smoke detectors in high-risk populations. The project proposes to increase the overall rate of smoke detectors in targeted communities and to evaluate the effectiveness of different strategies. Low income minority families with young children will be visited by a trained fire safety educator who will provide fire safety materials, recommend smoke detector installation, and in some cases install smoke detectors for free. Initially, the project will focus its efforts in Brockton, Lynn and Lowell, and in the second and third year, will work in other communities with high risk of home fires. This Injury Prevention and Control Program project will work collaboratively with State Fire Marshal's Office, the National Fire Protection Association (headquarters in Quincy), and the WIC Program.

For more information, contact Cindy Rodgers or Torie Ozonoff, Co-Directors of the Injury Prevention and Control Program at 617-624-5070.

Article by Cindy Rodgers

Massachusetts Breast Cancer Research Grant Program (FY 1998 Awards)

The Massachusetts Breast Cancer Research Grants Program began in 1993 as part of the Massachusetts Breast and Cervical Cancer Initiative. It was established to encourage researchers in the formative stages of their careers to turn their talents toward the examination of fundamental questions about breast cancer. Once established in breast cancer research, it is hoped that these young investigators will continue their work in the field throughout their careers.

Since its inception the program has grown significantly. In its first year the program received 53 proposals from researchers at 22 Massachusetts institutions. In FY 1998 eighty-six proposals were received and in January 1998 over \$2.3 million will be awarded to 38 breast cancer researcher.

To date, \$7.9 million has been devoted to this program and 134 grants have been awarded to breast cancer investigators who are studying diverse areas of breast cancer research.

Areas of research that are currently funded included research studies on topics such as angiogenesis, immunobiology, gene regulation, hormonal interactions, and epidemiological studies on environmental factors and breast cancer risk assessment. In addition, research on new imaging techniques, psychological intervention and treatment modalities are currently under investigation in this program. Although as yet there is no known way to prevent breast cancer, we hope that the Massachusetts Cancer Research Grants will lead the way.

Article by Patricia Brennan, Women's Health Unit.

Enhancing Late-Life Function

Translating Research into Practice

On Wednesday, March 11, 1998 the Roybal Center on Applied Gerontology and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health will be co-sponsoring a conference at Boston University's Sargent College. The theme of the conference is strategies for preventing disability in late-life. Providers of services to older adults in the New England area - representatives from Home Care agencies, social workers, nurses, physical and occupation therapists, researchers, and

representatives from senior housing - will be the target audience. The goal of this conference is to disseminate to the gerontological community practical findings from the two major field studies conducted by the Boston University Roybal Center Consortium. The field study "Fear of Falling" is a group intervention focusing on instilling confidence, self of control and increased activity levels for older persons who fear falling. The second study called "Strong-for-Life" evaluated the strength, balance, and functional benefits of an in-house resistance-training program designed specifically for functionally limited older adults. Continuing Education Units from National Association of Social Workers and the Mass. Nursing Association will be offered. Refreshments will be served. Cost for attending is \$20.00. Registrations from 8:00 - 8:30 am and the conference goes from 8:30 - 12:45. If you are interested in attending, call Ginger Quinn at Boston University at (617) 353-0500 or Janet Marble, Elder Health Program at the Department.

Massachusetts's First Young Women's Preventive Health Conference

Joining a panel of health and fitness experts, William Dietz MD, Ph.D., an international authority on obesity will present the keynote address at the Department of Public Health's Young Women's Preventive Health Conference. Designed for people working with high school and college age women in Massachusetts, the conference will present the latest information every health professional needs to know about lifestyle and its impact on long term health.

Howard Koh, MD, MPH, will open the one day conference, and introduce Dr. Dietz, the keynote speaker. Dr. Dietz is the Director of the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity of the National Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Prior to joining the CDC, Dr. Dietz was a Professor of Pediatrics at the Tufts University School of Medicine and Director of Clinical Nutrition at the Floating Hospital of New England. He was also Associate Director of the Clinical Research Center at MIT, and the Director of the Boston Obesity/Nutrition Research Center. Dr. Dietz will present the latest information on young women's most critical lifestyle and health issues.

A young women's wellness expert panel will address the state of young women today; social and cultural pressures and the resulting health risks and the impact of these behaviors on long term health. Eating disorders, smoking, nutrition and physical activity are some of the topics that will be addressed by the Young Women's Wellness expert panel.

The panel includes: Catherine Steiner-Adair, EdD, from the Harvard Eating Disorder Center, Tina Manos, MA EdD

Interactive afternoon sessions will include: Teen Health Fads: The Latest, Not So Greatest; Unleashing the Power of Youth: Peer Education; Targeting Sedentary Youth: Strategies for Fostering Movement; Eating Disorders and Excessive Exercise, Cultural Diversity and Health Promotion; and the Mind/Body Connection and Health. The conference will provide a forum for professionals working with youth for strategies on reaching all young women with a healthy lifestyle message, and to develop an agenda for community action.

The Young Women's Preventive Health Conference will be held on January 29, 1998 from 8:00am until 3:00pm at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlboro, MA. The deadline for registration is January 16, 1998. Professional CEUs are available. For more information please contact Jennifer Fahey of AdCare at 508-752-7313.

Article by Beth Rinaldi.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Training Institute

In the summer of 1997, the Women's Health Unit established the new Breast and Cervical Cancer Training Institute (BCCTI). The BCCTI will provide a broad range of continuing education programs for professionals and paraprofessionals on the topics of breast cancer early detection and cervical cancer prevention/early detection. Workshops, grand rounds presentations and clinical skills refresher training will be offered to health care providers statewide. There are BCCTI continuing education training programs designed for physicians, mid-level clinicians, nurses, nursing school faculty, cytotechnologists mammography technologist medical physicists, outreach workers, and home health care providers. BCCTI sessions are listed in the Spotlight calendar. For information on any of the programs offered, please contact Michelle Mancuso, BCCTI Coordinator at Boston University School of Medicine (617) 638-8036. You may also contact Janice Mirabassi, Professional Education Coordinator at DPH (617)625-5455.

Article by Janice Mirabassi of Public Health 617- 624-5419.



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| Dec 12th | Medication Delegation
(9:00am - 2:00pm)
location: Simmons College
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor |
| Dec 19th | Pharmacology Update with a Focus on Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Asthma, and Anti-Depressant Medications
(9:00am - 3:00pm)
location: Simmons
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor |
| Jan 13th | Preliminary Training: Breast Cancer Screening
(12:00 - 1:00pm)
location: Good Samaritan Medical Center, Brockton, MA
target: physicians and other health care professionals
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-642-5455 |
| Jan 13th | Tobacco Education Programs TEG & TA Train the Trainer
(8:00 - 3:30pm)
location: Amherst, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor |
| Jan 21st | Mass Health Council Pharmacy - In-service
(9:00am - 4:00pm)
location: Wyndham Garden, Needham, MA
target: pharmacists
contact: Kathy Keogh, 617-983-6733 |
| Jan 21st | Breast Cancer Early Detection: Home Care Providers
(8:00am - 10:00am)
location: VNA of Central Massachusetts, Worcester, MA
target: health care professionals and paraprofessionals in the elder services networks
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-642-5455 |

- Jan 23rd **Controlled Substance Diversion by Nursing Personnel**
(9:00am - 4:00pm)
location: Lombardo's, Randolph, MA
target: nurses and pharmacists
contact: Kathy Keogh, 617-983-6733
- Jan 23rd-25th **STD Course (3 day intensive course)**
location: State Laboratory
target: health care professionals who examine and treat individuals at risk of STDs
contact: Wendy Hylton, 617-983-6945
- Jan 28th **Brightfield Microscopy Wet Mounts**
location: State Laboratory
target: clinicians and libertarians already performing state lab tests for STDs
contact: Wendy Hylton, 617-983-6945
- Feb 3rd **DPH Violence Prevention Working Group (Brown Bag Lunch)**
time: TBA
location: TBA
target: general public
contact: Ellen Connorton, 617-624-5070
- Feb 3rd **Breast Cancer Early Detection: Home Care Providers**
(2:00pm - 4:00pm)
location: Family Services of Greater Lowell, Lowell, MA
target: health care professionals and paraprofessionals in the elder services networks
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-642-5455
- Feb 6th **Introduction to School Nursing in Massachusetts**
(8:30am - 4:30pm)
location: Ramada Inn, Auburn, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Feb 6th **Bright Futures**
(3:30pm - 6:30pm)
location: Simmons
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Feb 7th **Postural Screening**
(9:00am - 12:00)
location: Ramada Inn, Auburn, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Feb 7th **Vision and Hearing Train the Trainer**
(1:00pm - 4:00pm)
location: Ramada Inn, Auburn, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Feb 10th **Preliminary Training: Prevention Strategies for High Risk Women**
(12:00 - 1:00pm)
location: Good Samaritan Medical Center, Brockton, MA
target: physicians and other health care professionals
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-624-5455
- Feb 23rd-25th **STD Course (3 day intensive course)**
location: State Laboratory
target: health care professionals who examine and treat individuals at risk of STDs
contact: Wendy Hylton, 617-983-6945
- Feb 26th **Vaccine Safety and Risk Communication**
(8:00am - 10:00am and 12:00 - 2:00pm)
location: State Laboratory, Jamaica Plain, MA
target: physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, medical students and others who provide immunization and counseling regarding immunization
contact: Jean Franzine, 617-983-6850
- Feb 26th **Pharmacology Update with a Focus on Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Asthma, and Anti-Depressant Medications**
(9:00am - 3:00pm)
location: Amherst, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Feb 27th **Basic Concepts in Adolescent Health**
(9:00am - 3:00pm)
location: Lowell, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Feb 28th **Basic Concepts in Adolescent Health**
(9:00am - 3:00pm)
location: Lowell, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor

- Mar 2nd **Violence Prevention**
(3:30pm - 6:30pm)
location: Cape Cod
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 2nd **Bright Futures**
(3:30pm - 6:30pm)
location: Amherst
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 5th **Medication Delegation**
(9:00am - 2:00pm)
location: Fall River, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 10th **Medication Delegation**
(9:00am - 2:00pm)
location: Central
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 11th **Bright Futures**
(3:30pm - 6:30pm)
location: Fall River
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 11th **Tobacco Education Programs TEG & TA
Train the Trainer**
(8:00 - 3:30pm)
location: Cape Cod, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 11th **Enhancing Late-Life Function: Translating
Research into Practice**
(8:00 - 12:45pm)
location: Sargent College, Boston University,
Boston, MA
target: providers of services to elders
contact: Janet Marble, 617-624-5419
- Mar 12th **Tobacco Education Programs TEG & TA
Train the Trainer**
(8:00 - 3:30pm)
location: Cape Cod, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 12th **Caring for Women with Vaginal Infections**
(8:00 - 3:30pm)
location: satellite (variety of sites)
target: health care professionals
contact: Wendy Hylton, 617-983-6945
- Mar 21st **Update for Experienced School Nurses**
(8:30am - 3:30pm)
location: Ramada Inn, Auburn, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 23th **Helping the School Nurse to Health the
Chronically Ill Child or Child with Physical
Condition in Making Successful Transitions
to Self Care**
(3:30 - 6:30pm)
location: Amherst, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 23rd-
25th **STD Course (3 day intensive course)**
location: State Laboratory
target: health care professionals who examine
and treat individuals at risk of STDs
contact: Wendy Hylton, 617-983-6945
- Mar 28th **Mental Health Problems in Children**
(9:00pm - 3:00pm)
location: Simmons
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 30th **Violence Prevention**
(3:30pm - 6:00pm)
location: Lowell
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- Mar 30th **WIC Retail Store Training**
(10:00am - 3:00pm)
location: WIC Learning Center, Framingham
target: retail stores, manager, assistant
managers, general public
contact: WIC, 617-624-6100

- April 2nd **Preliminary Training: Prevention Strategies for High Risk Women**
(12:00 - 1:00pm)
location: Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, MA
target: physicians and other health care professionals
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-624-5455
- April 4th **Bright Futures**
(3:30pm - 6:30pm)
location: Lowell
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- April 4th **Mental Health Problems in Children**
(9:00pm - 3:00pm)
location: Cape Cod
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- April 7th **Breast Cancer Early Detection: Home Care Providers**
(2:00pm - 4:00pm)
location: Boston VNA, Hyde Park, MA
target: health care professionals and paraprofessionals in the elder services networks
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-624-5455
- April 7th **Pharmacology Update with a Focus on Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Asthma, and Anti-Depressant Medications**
(9:00am - 3:00pm)
location: Central
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- April 9th **Bright Futures**
(3:30pm - 6:30pm)
location: Central
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- April 9th **Breast Cancer Early Detection: Home Care Providers**
(2:00pm - 4:00pm)
location: Boston VNA, Hyde Park, MA
target: health care professionals and paraprofessionals in the elder services networks
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-624-5455
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(12:00 - 1:00pm)
location: Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, MA
target: physicians and other health care professionals
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-624-5455
- April 10th **Violence Prevention**
(3:30pm - 6:30pm)
location: Simmons
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- April 14th **Breast Cancer Early Detection: Home Care Providers**
(2:00pm - 4:00pm)
location: Boston VNA, Cambridge, MA
target: health care professionals and paraprofessionals in the elder services networks
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-642-5455
- April 16th **Breast Cancer Early Detection: Home Care Providers**
(2:00pm - 4:00pm)
location: Boston VNA, Cambridge, MA
target: health care professionals and paraprofessionals in the elder services networks
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-642-5455
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(12:00 - 1:00pm)
location: Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, MA
target: physicians and other health care professionals
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-624-5455
- April 17th **Childhood Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder**
(9:00am - 3:00pm)
location: Amherst, MA
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- April 24th **Childhood Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder**
(9:00am - 3:00pm)
location: Simmons
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor

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location: Lowell
target: school nurses
contact: School Health Advisor
- April 28th **Breast Cancer Early Detection: Home Care Providers**
(2:00pm - 4:00pm)
location: Boston VNA, S. Boston, MA
target: health care professionals and paraprofessionals in the elder services networks
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-642-5455
- April 30th **Breast Cancer Early Detection: Home Care Providers**
(2:00pm - 4:00pm)
location: Boston VNA, S. Boston, MA
target: health care professionals and paraprofessionals in the elder services networks
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-642-5455
- April 30th **Preliminary Training: Update on Breast and Cervical Cytology**
(12:00 - 1:00pm)
location: Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, MA
target: physicians and other health care professionals
contact: Janice Mirabassi, 617-624-5455

Assessment of Cancer Incidence in Canton, Massachusetts - 1982-1992
(report)
printed: September 1997
target: general public
contact: Theresa Barry, 617-624-5757

Advanced Data Deaths: 1996
(book/report)
printed: October 1997
target: general public
contact: Bruce Cohen, 617-624-5635

Inter-relationships between STD and HIV
(factsheet)
printed: 1997
target: general public
contact: Ann Davis, 617-983-6940

CHNA Survey Evaluation Technical Report
(report)
printed: November 1997
target: CHNA members and DPH staff
contact: Abbie Averbach, 617-624-5640

Enhanced School Health Services Program Data Report: Executive Summary, 1996-1997 School Year
(report)
printed: November 1997
target: individuals (school personnel and others) interested in the delivery of school health services
contact: Kristen Scalse, 617-624-5536

 **Recently Released Guidelines/Policy Statements/Reports**

Symptom Prevalence Survey at Gloucester High School
(survey)
printed: August 1997
target: general public
contact: Elaine Krueger, 617-624-5757

Housatonic River Area PCB Exposure Assessment Study
printed: September 1997
target: general public
contact: Elaine Krueger, 617-624-5757

 **New DPH Health Education Materials**

News in School Health - Winter 1997-1998: Focus on Violence Prevention
(newsletter)
printed: Winter 1997-1998
target: school health personnel, administrators, boards of health, teachers, school nurses, parents and general public
contact: Tom Comerford, 617-624-5472

A Guide to Enjoying Birds and Reptile Pets Safely
(poster)
printed: October 1997
target: persons dealing with reptiles/birds and general public
contact: Communicable Disease Control, 617-983-6800

Elder Health Alert: Take Charge of your Hospital Discharge
(newsletter)

printed: January 1998
target: elders and providers
contact: Ruth Grabel, 617-624-5411

Promoting Health, Preventing Disease and Disability: A Lifespan Perspective on Elder Health and Well-Being
(curriculum and workshop guide)

printed: January 1998
target: public health, elder health and healthcare providers
contact: Diana Laskin Siegal, , 617-624-5407

Men Talking to Men to Prevent Violence

(video and replication/discussion guide to use video)
printed: January 1998
target: community groups and cable TV stations
contact: James Kyle, 617-624-5408

Housatonic River Area PCB Exposure Assessment Study
(factsheet)

printed: September 1997
target: general public
contact: Stephanie Lentz, 617-624-5757

Assessment of Cancer Incidence in Canton, Massachusetts 1982-1992

(factsheet)
printed: September 1997
target: general public
contact: Stephanie Lentz, 617-624-5757

Upper Cape Cod Cancer Incidence Review
(factsheet)

printed: December 1997
target: general public
contact: Kevin Costas, 617-624-5757

 **New Grants/Programs**

Emergency Department Surveillance and Coordinated Injury Prevention (ED SCIP)

To develop a surveillance system to track all injuries treated in Massachusetts emergency department
funding: CDC National Center for Injury
start date: October 1, 1997 (three year grant)
contact: Torie Ozonoff, 617-624-5070

Massachusetts Health Assessment Partnership (MHAP)

To develop, implement, and evaluate integrated public health and Managed Care Organization (MCO) assessment data systems for monitoring and improving health status and outcomes; and to develop and disseminate population-based and MCO enrollment-based measurements on a core set of health status and health outcome indicators. The MHAP will bring together MDPH, MCOs, and state agencies responsible for Medicaid an hospital discharge data, and other key health care providers.

funding source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
start date: October 1997 (5 year cooperative agreement)
contact: Daniel Friedman, 617-624-5613 and
Debbie Klein Walker, 617-624-6060

We appreciate your contribution to "Upcoming DPH Events and News Notes", please send information to Julia Bonavita, Bureau of Family and Community Health, Division of Prevention, 250 Washington Street, 4th floor, (617) 624-5483.