

Weekly DPH SHU Email Updates December 2, 2010

We hope you had a lovely Thanksgiving!

1. Northeastern University School Health Institute Programs Register at www.cps.neu.edu .

****ATTN: The Graduate Behavioral Health course is FULL. We will run it again in the future.

1. DITEP Day One (Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals) **This is the ONLY DITEP program that will be offered this year.** Day one is for all educational professionals (administrators, coaches, faculty, guidance, resource officers and school nurses) Tuesday January 18, 2011 Hudson High School
2. DITEP Day Two FOR SCHOOL NURSES ONLY. **Must attend Day One to attend Day Two.** Drug impairment physical assessment skills practice for school nurses. Saturday January 22, 2011 Hudson High School.
3. The Role of the School Nurse in Behavioral Health Interventions Saturday January 22, 2011. Marlboro Holiday Inn
4. Mandated Screening Training for School Nurses Thursday March 10, 2011 (vision, hearing, postural screening and BMI)
5. Postural Screening Training for PE Teachers Thursday March 10, 2011 (BMI and postural screening) FREE Marlboro Holiday Inn
6. Medication Delegation and Administration in MA Schools March 16, 2011 Marlboro Holiday Inn
7. Introduction to School Nursing in Massachusetts March 24 AND 25, 2011 (2 day program) Marlboro Holiday Inn
8. Smoking Cessation Training Wednesday March 30, 2011 Marlboro Holiday Inn

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2. Ann Marie Klaver, Brockton Public Schools has kindly shared the SNAP example templates for Suspected Head Injury- both In and Out of school. See attached. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me! Ann M. Klaver, RN, Non-public Nurse Consultant, Computer Help Desk, BPS Health Services, Gilmore Academy, 150 Clinton Street, 2nd Floor, Brockton, MA 02302 ANNMARIEKLAVER@bpsma.org

3. Support Groups Sponsored by PAL (The Parent/ Professional Advocacy League for parents of children with mental health concerns). You might wish to share this with parents in your school district. See attached.

4. Thank you for your support of the 84 Movement (Student Leadership in Tobacco Control): We are happy to report that we have recruited 78 Chapters into The 84 Movement! The directors of this program at DPH definitely think that their presentation at the Nurses' Meeting back in September really made an impact! See <http://www.the84.org/> Your school may still register to become an 84 Chapter. (84% of youth do not use tobacco.)

5. Booklet on the Prevention of Substance Abuse in Haitian Creole "Talking to Your Middle School-Aged Child about Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs: A 10-Step Guide for Parents" is now available at no charge in Haitian Creole! This booklet is for parents of youth who are at the challenging ages of 11-13. It has been culturally adapted with input from Massachusetts parents to be a step-by-step guide to keeping kids healthier. Based on science, it offers parents information and tools on how to talk with their middle school-aged child about alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. Ten clear steps and a resource section make it easy to access specific topics including: American laws around minors using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; how to start the conversation; and how to set family rules. There is information on bonding with a child by being involved in their lives; how parents can talk about their own substance use; and warning signs to look for. Resources for other age groups are still available in English and Spanish as well. "*Pale ak pitit ou kin an laj lekòl primè a sou alkòl, tabak ak lòt dwòg* » *Yon gid 10 etap pou paran yo*" and other booklets are available free of charge through the Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse at www.maclearinghouse.com or by calling 1-800-952-6637 (TTY: 617-536-5872). Ask for #SA1049. Kathleen Herr-Zaya and Kate Whelton, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, 250 Washington Street, 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02108 Email: Kathleen.Whelton@state.ma.us, Tel: 617-624-5163

6. Requests from Schools

Medford Public Schools: Immediate opening: part-time school nurse position (DESE licensed or eligible) at an elementary building. Three days/week working with experienced school nurse. Contact: Eileen DiBattista, Supervisor of Health, edibattista@medford.k12.ma.us, 781-393-2218

Westford Public Schools: See attached article on talking to kids about depression featuring Sue Hanley.

Wilmington Public Schools: See attached news coverage of Wilmington school nurses. These school nurses have launched a marketing campaign on the role of the school nurse.

7. Win 500 Toothbrushes!!! The "MDPH Office of Oral Health" is sponsoring a contest for all school nurses. How do you enter? Step 1: Between December 1st and December 22nd "like" our Facebook page. By doing this, you'll receive updates, news on the most recent oral health resources and much, much more. Step 2: You must post a message telling us what your school does to promote oral health. This provides an opportunity to share with other schools nurses the good things your school is doing and you are then entered into the contest.

All school nurses who complete both steps will become eligible to win 500 toothbrushes for their school. The winner will be randomly selected and announced on our Facebook page December 23rd. Go to www.Facebook.com/mdphoralhealth
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Don't forget to visit the Office of Oral Health webpage at www.mass.gov/dph/oralhealth and the Massachusetts Health Care Workforce Center at www.mass.gov/dph/hcworkforcecenter

Attachment

Part 1:

1. Template regarding behavioral health--SNAP
2. PAL Support Group Listings
3. Grant opportunities
4. DEA: Emergency Control of Synthetic Marijuana
5. Cholera Advisory
6. Recommendations: HPV Vaccine

Part 2

- Conferences
7. Writing grants
8. Springfield: Post Traumatic Stress
9. Webinar on Behavioral Health

News Articles

10 Westford Article on Talking to Teens about Depression--Sue Hanley

11-14. Articles on Wilmington School Nursing and the Flyer about School Nursing: These are part of the Wilmington School Nurses marketing campaign about school nursing services for children

May you have a good weekend!

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