Health Alert

Pertussis Alert

King County in Washington State has recently issued a health alert due to increased reports of pertussis, particularly among infants. Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*. The vast majority of these reports have been associated with households with at least one member who has not been fully vaccinated against pertussis. Pertussis can be particularly severe in infants, therefore vaccination of those in close contact with infants is recommended. Please contact your medical provider for information about vaccination.
For more information on pertussis, refer to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention resources: [http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/clinical/disease-specifics.html](http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/clinical/disease-specifics.html)

Please contact the Urban Indian Health Institute at 206-812-3030 or info@uihi.org for questions about this Health Alert.


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**Announcement**

**Announcing New Feedback Form for UIHI Reports and Publications**

For over ten years, reports from the Urban Indian Health Institute have been informing the picture of the health status of urban American Indians and Alaska Natives. The UIHI values your feedback on our reports and publications to help us continually improve our services and products. We are pleased to announce that a new, online feedback form is now available, and we invite you to use this new resource.

The online feedback form can be accessed at any time from the [UIHI reports page](http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/providers.aspx), or you may click [here](http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/providers.aspx) to access the form directly.

We look forward to your comments and feedback!

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**UIHI 2012 Leadership in Data Use Award**

The Urban Indian Health Institute is accepting nominations for the 2012 Leadership in Data Use Award. The UIHI will recognize an employee or volunteer at an urban Indian health organization who has used data to engage in capacity building for their organization. Anyone can nominate an individual who fits the award criteria. There is no limit to the number of nominations from any one clinic. This is a great opportunity to recognize someone at your agency (staff, leadership, co-workers, or volunteers) for their innovative work.

- Recipient will receive $2,000 to attend a training or conference for professional development.
- Deadline for nominations is January 27th, 2012.
- For complete details and the nomination form click [here](http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/providers.aspx).

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**Grants**

**2012 Kick Butts Day Event Grant**

Energize your 2012 Kick Butts Day event with a $500 or $1,000 mini-grant from the United Health Foundation. Applications must be submitted by January 27, 2012.

Mini grant may be used for:

- Local transportation for youth participating in event
- Administrative expenses that are directly related to the event
- Materials needed for the event (trash bags, paper, art supplies, etc.)
- Educational Items (brochures, palm cards, flyers etc that can be handed
out at events

- Refreshments and recognition that are integral to the project

To learn more about this opportunity click here.

More reports, resources and other information can be found on the UIHI website, www.uihi.org

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