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This e-mail is provided by the Urban Indian Health Institute, a division of the Seattle Indian Health Board. It contains opportunities for staff development, grant announcements and other relevant public health information. We hope you find these resources useful. If you have any questions about the information below, or you are unable to open any of the links, please contact info@uihi.org. If this e-mail was forwarded to you, you may sign up here.

Announcements

Reminder to Complete the UIHO Health Priorities and Needs Assessment

The Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) is conducting a survey to assess health priorities facing urban American Indians and Alaska Natives as well as the UIHI’s resources and services. The results of this survey will direct the future work of the UIHI and inform the next health topic addressed in the UIHI’s project “Promoting Health Equity for Urban American Indians and Alaska Natives”.

This month, the UIHI is surveying all Urban Indian Health Organization (UIHO) Executive Directors to request input on health priorities affecting urban AI/ANs in their local
communities. This brief survey is the first of a two-part effort. If you have not yet completed this survey, please look for the email sent on March 21st with the URL to access the survey.

The UIHI thanks you in advance for your time and participation. Your input as a leader in urban AI/AN health guides our work. Please contact Julie Loughran if you have any questions.

Diabetes Alert Day is March 27, 2012

The IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, in partnership with the ADA’s Awakening the Spirit Team, encourages Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) Programs to participate in Diabetes Alert Day 2012!

Learn more at www.diabetes.org/alert and take the Diabetes Risk Test.

Resources

2011 Diabetes Care and Outcomes Audit Reports Available

The Urban Indian Health Institute has developed Diabetes Care and Outcomes Audit Reports for participating Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) recipients that are part of the network of IHS-funded urban Indian health organizations.

This report is intended to translate IHS Diabetes Audit findings into meaningful statistics to help track progress, and improve diabetes care and services. The report's format is based on the revised 2011 IHS Diabetes Best Practice Guidelines.

Print and electronic copies of this report were sent to executive directors and diabetes coordinators at each program. A publicly available aggregate report with all UIHO data will be available at the end of May.

For information or assistance with your individual diabetes report, please contact Elizabeth Knaster.

Training

Webinar: Health Care’s Blind Side - Exploring Solutions to Address Social Needs
Thursday, April 5, 2012 - 1:30-2:30 PM Eastern

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) invites you to participate in a national discussion with prominent health care leaders. This webinar will explore possibilities for health care professionals to connect patients to needed resources in the community that can improve their health. It also will begin to address the business case for physicians, clinics, and hospitals to make social resource connections an integral part of health care delivery.

For more information, click here.
Grants

Request for Applications: Immunization Information Systems (IIS) Capacity Building

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have announced a new funding opportunity to support activities that increase the operational capacity of Immunization Information Systems (IIS). The purpose of this 4-part program is to support activities to increase the operational capacity of IIS by: (a) developing and implementing data quality and assessment approaches (b) promoting education and training, (c) developing operational guidelines, and (d) providing peer support and specialized assistance. The approximate average award is $520,000 for a 3-year project period.

Applications are due May 15, 2012.

For more information, click here.

Request for Applications: Offender Reentry Program

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for fiscal year 2012 for the Offender Reentry Program grants. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration for criminal offenses. Applicants are expected to form stakeholder partnerships that will plan, develop and provide a transition from incarceration to community-based substance abuse treatment and related reentry services.

Applications are due May 1, 2012.

For more information, click here.

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

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