



MARYLAND Department of Health

Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter

Friday, March 29, 2019

Event: National Public Health Week



Monday April 1 - Sunday, April 7

Annually, the American Public Health Association (APHA) brings together communities across the United States to observe National Public Health Week. National Public Health Week serves as a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving the United States. APHA will host

two activities during the week:

- Wednesday, April 3 - Twitter Chat - [RSVP here](#).
- Now until Sunday, April 7 - One Billion Steps Challenge - [Join here](#).

To learn more about National Public Health Week, [click here](#).

Webinar: Health Literacy and Its Importance to You



Monday, April 8

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NLM) will host an introductory webinar on the importance of understanding health literacy. The purpose of this webinar is to raise awareness of what health literacy is and how it affects patients, consumers, and health care professionals.

This session will:

- Define health literacy
- Identify various types of literacy
- Explore the impact health literacy plays in patient care
- Discuss how health literacy will affect health care in the future

For more information about this webinar, [click here](#).

Event: Annual Home and Community-Based Care



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Tuesday, April 16

There is still time to register for the 4th Annual Home and Community-Based Care Symposium. The University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Nursing will host the symposium which will consider transitions in care within the home and community-based care setting. The opening session will examine national and state policies during which attendees will discuss the application and effect of these policies. This event will also examine and discuss recent policies, the initiation of the Maryland Primary Care Program, and the impact of mid-term elections on care. Using case scenarios, attendees will collaborate with experts to apply best practices and learn more about resources available to practitioners, patients, and communities. The goal of this symposium is to shape the future of health care where individuals, communities, and populations thrive as a result of a vibrant culture of health supported by an effective health care service system.

For more information and to register for this event, [click here](#).

Webinar: Maternal and Neonatal Syphilis Prevention and Management



Tuesday, April 16

In honor of Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Awareness Month in April, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Center for Sexually Transmitted Infections Prevention (CSTIP), the STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at Johns Hopkins, and other training partners will offer a live webinar titled,

"Congenital Syphilis: A Preventable Tragedy - What Clinicians Need to Know about Maternal and Neonatal Prevention and Management." The purpose of this webinar is to inform providers of the rising rates of syphilis among pregnant women and newborns. This session will also:

- Describe the epidemiology and risk factors for maternal and congenital syphilis
- Discuss the difficulties of diagnosis of maternal and congenital syphilis
- Summarize concerns in managing maternal and congenital syphilis

Registration is open until noon on Monday, April 15.

For more information and to register for this webinar, [click here](#). Learn more about syphilis prevention resources in Maryland by visiting the [MDH CSTIP here](#).

Funding Opportunity: Opioid Data to Action



Thursday, May 2

The opioid epidemic in America continues to evolve and become more complex. There is a need for complete and timely data to understand the scope and direction of the evolving epidemic. Tools and resources will be needed to use data and inform and target prevention and response strategies. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now accepting proposals for the Overdose Data to Action.

To read the full announcement, [click here](#).

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