



MARYLAND Department of Health

Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter

Friday, April 19, 2019

Event: Disasters and Health



Thursday, April 25 - Friday, April 26

The National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health will host a symposium to identify important issues in disaster preparedness and response as it relates to health. Topics include:

- The current state of disaster science
- Needs of the state and local responders
- Alternative sources of funding for disaster research
- Academic research in disaster health

For more information about this event, [click here](#). Learn more about preparedness and response in Maryland by visiting the Maryland Department of Health's [Office of Preparedness and Response](#).

Event: Native Women and Men's Wellness and Diabetes Prevention



Thursday, April 25 - Monday, April 29

The University of Oklahoma American Indian Institute will host the 2019 Native Women and Men's Wellness and Diabetes Prevention Conference. This year's conference theme will be, "*Living in Native Balance and Wellness*" and will focus on resources, strategies, and programs to protect generations from illness. This

conference will explore the latest research and innovation in health and wellness for Native populations.

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

Event: Screen-Free Week



Monday, April 29 - Friday, May 5

The American Public Health Association is endorsing Screen-Free Week. Screen-Free Week is an annual celebration with families, schools, and communities to take a break from digital entertainment that serve as a distraction from friends and family. The Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood (CCFC) established this

event to raise awareness about the importance of unplugging from digital entertainment and interacting with the world around you. Anyone can participate in Screen-Free Week by simply refraining from using digital entertainment during the event. The CCFC has also developed a tool kit to help schools and community-based organizations organize activities to promote the week.

To learn more about Screen-Free Week, [click here](#). To access the Organizer's Toolkit, [click here](#).

Event: Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland Minority Community-Based Organization Summit



Tuesday, April 30

The Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) will host the Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland Minority Community-Based Organization Summit with the theme, "*Strengthening Leadership Skills and Building Capacity*." The purpose of the summit is to identify leadership and capacity building training needs among minority community-based organizations serving jurisdictions in southern and on the eastern

shore of Maryland. Findings from this summit will support efforts to improve workforce development, community development, and outreach to minority communities.

For more information and to register for the summit, [click here](#). Learn more about the [MHHD here](#).

Funding Opportunity: Overdose 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 grant.

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

Event: Social Determinants of Health Symposium



Monday, May 13

Registration is now open for the 2019 Social Determinants of Health Symposium. The Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute will host a panel discussion to examine and discuss what success looks like in Baltimore. This symposium will also explore the current health equity efforts being made, and brainstorm solutions to help communities go beyond surviving and focus on thriving.

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

Event: National School-Based Health Care Convention



Sunday, June 23 - Wednesday, June 26

Registration is now open for the 2019 National School-Based Health Care Convention. This year's theme will be, "*Giving All Young People a Clean Bill of Health.*" Presenters will examine the issues, trends, and developments that affect school-based health centers and the students they serve, which may include:

- Telehealth programming
- Contraceptive counseling
- Adolescent-focused motivational interviewing
- Staff self-care
- Quality improvement methodology

Early bird registration rates will be available through Friday, May 10.

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

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