



PEDIATRICS INTEREST GROUP UPDATE

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Welcome to the Pediatrics Interest Group free e-mail update geared specifically to those working with homeless children and adolescents. Each issue will feature announcements, resources and news and events, and is brought to you by the Health Care for the Homeless Clinicians' Network.

We invite you to share your opinion on issues of concern to the pediatrics community. We welcome your feedback. If you have comments or suggestions for improvements to the newsletter, please send them to the Pediatrics Interest Group newsletter editor, Brenda Proffitt, at bproffitt@nhhc.org.

We're happy to have you as a member of our online community of clinicians working in health care for the homeless. We think that you'll look forward to each issue. If, however, you do not want to receive the Pediatrics Interest Group update, please send a blank e-mail to network@nhhc.org, and put Leave Pediatric Interest Group in the Subject line of your message.

Warmest regards,
Brenda Proffitt

Immunization questions? Ask the experts: Call CDC'S Immunization Information Hotline at 800 232-2522 or write nipinfo@cdc.gov.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality hosts a Child and Adolescent Health Listserv. The Listserv is a vehicle for accessing and exchanging important information on child and adolescent health care services for research and events. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to listserv@list.ahrq.gov, and in the message box, type: subscribe AHRQKid-L and your full name [for example, subscribe AHRQKid-L Jane Smith]. If you have questions, write Joyce Garrison at jgarriso@ahrq.gov.

Child Welfare League of America announces the opening of its online bookstore and gift shop at www.cwla.org/pubs. Visitors will be able to search, browse and

purchase CWLA's books, videos, curricula, and gift. The Child Welfare League of America, the nation's oldest and largest membership-based child welfare organizations, is committed to engaging all Americans in promoting the well being of children, youth and families, and protecting every child from harm. CWLA sets standards for child-serving agencies, works for public policies that help vulnerable children and families, conducts workshops and conferences, and publishes materials for both professionals and lay audiences.

The Children's Defense Fund has launched The Campaign to Leave No Child Behind, an initiative to improve the lives of children. The Campaign is designed to build a cohesive grassroots movement from state to state in order to encourage elected officials to pass the provisions of the Act to Leave No Child Behind. The Act addresses the total needs of a child such as health care, child care, education and safety. To learn more, visit www.childrensdefense.org/campaign.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. This NIH Consensus Statement provides state-of-the-art information regarding effective treatments for ADHD and presents the conclusions and recommendations of the National Institutes of Health consensus panel regarding these issues. The target audience includes psychiatrists, family practitioners, pediatricians, internists, neurologists, psychologists and behavioral medicine specialists. The statement covers diagnosis; the impact of ADHD on individuals, families, and society; treatment; risks of stimulant medications and other treatment; barriers to appropriate identification, evaluation, and intervention; and directions for future research. NIH Consensus Statement, volume 16, number 2, November 16 - 18, 1998.

The Girls and Boys Town National Resource and Training Center provides professional development training. They assess, develop and implement specialized programs for organizations and individuals in behavioral health, child welfare, education, family services, and juvenile justice. Services are designed to improve treatment outcome; enable each youth-care worker to be a valuable treatment agent; and maximize the effectiveness of staff-to-youth communication. To learn more, call 1 800 545-5771.

Guidelines for the Treatment of Migrant Farmworkers' Children is a clinical resource jointly developed by the Migrant Clinicians Network and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Contents include bilingual interpreters in the clinical setting; health care guidelines such as well child visits, immunizations, oral health, environmental concerns, injuries, school readiness, adolescent care, child maltreatment, and infectious diseases; language resources; policies affecting migrant farm workers' children; and guidance and opportunities for pediatricians. The guidelines can be purchased from the AAP by calling 1 800 433-9016 or by going to their Web site at www.aap.org.

Homeless Family Facility Nutrition Guidelines are designed to assist homeless shelter providers to more adequately address the nutrition needs of homeless families, and to serve as a benchmark by which they may assess their current services. The guidelines are available online on The Children's Health Fund Web site at www.childrenshealthfund.org.

"Homeless Youth: Research, Intervention, and Policy" is an extensive review of the literature to sum up what we know about homeless youth between the ages of 12 and 17. The article, by Marjorie J. Robertson and Paul A. Toro, appeared in Practical Lessons: The 1998 National Symposium on Homeless Research, U. S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Health and Human Services, 1999. The publication is available from HUD USER at 1 800 245-2691 or www.huduser.org.

The Immunization Action Coalition's Needle Tips and the Hepatitis B Coalition News is a newsletter featuring the latest vaccine recommendations and schedules; U.S. immunizations rates and hepatitis B mandates; articles and case reports; national and state resources; and materials that can be photocopied for patients and clinicians. The Immunization Action Coalition produces materials for patients, materials for clinicians, videos, photos, slides, posters and more. To receive timely immunization and hepatitis news via e-mail, sign up for IAC Express. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to express@immunize.org, and place the word Subscribe in the Subject field.

The National Alliance for Hispanic Health offers the following materials in Spanish and English. Call 202 387-5000 or visit the Web site at www.hispanichealth.org.

- 1) Show Your Love: Immunize Your Baby! Demuestra tu carino: vacuna a tu bebe! Videotape; running time: 11:30 minutes.
- 2) What Parents Should Know About Infant Immunization or Lo que los padres deben saber sobre las vacunas de su bebe.
- 3) My Baby's Immunization Book Las vacunas de mi bebe.
- 4) Atencion prenatal temprana y periodica: Guia para tener un bebe saludable - Early and Regular Prenatal Care: Helping you have a Healthy Baby. Contents include what is prenatal care; your baby's father and your family; what will happen at my visit; what other tests will I need; pregnancy symptoms; and more. Adapted from Comenzando Bien: A Prenatal Education Program for Hispanic Women produced by the March of Dimes and The National Alliance for Hispanic Health.
- 5) A companion brochure, also in English and Spanish, is Preparandose para la atencion prenatal - Preparing for Prenatal Care: Tips for the Pregnant Woman and her Provider. The brochure features a list of tips to encourage positive interactions during prenatal care visits.

- 6) **Feeling Better During Your Pregnancy: A guide to preventing or relieving common pregnancy discomforts. Para sentirse mejor durante su embarazo: Guia para prevenir o aliviar las molestias comunes del embarazo.**

National Hispanic Prenatal Hotline: 1 800 504-7081.

This Hotline is for Hispanic women planning a pregnancy; Hispanic expectant mothers or mothers of newborns; partners, relatives or friends of expectant mothers; and providers working with Hispanic families. The Hotline is staffed to answer questions about prenatal issues in English and Spanish; give referrals to local prenatal care services; and send out written information about prenatal issues in English and Spanish. The Hotline is open Monday - Friday, from 9 A.M. - 6 P.M. Eastern standard time.

No Place to Call Home: An Overview of the Outreach and Primary Health Services for Homeless Children Program. Designed to provide an in-depth look at the challenges that face the nation's homeless children and families, this publication profiles the organizations that provide high risk and homeless children and teens with outreach and comprehensive primary health care services. References and lessons learned are also included. To order a copy, contact the Health Care for the Homeless Information Resource Center at 888 439-3300 or hch@prainc.com/hch. HRSA, BPHC, April 2001.

Pediatric Tuberculosis: Diagnosis and Treatment of Active TB in Children, a 30-minute VHS videotape, can be ordered from the Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center by calling 415 502-4600; ordering information is also available on the Web at www.nationaltbcenter.edu.

Screening Teens for Sexual Assault. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends that physicians screen every woman--including teens--for exposure to violence. ACOG has developed a five-question screening tool for rape and sexual assault. For more information about ACOG's Rape and Sexual Assault Prevention Project, contact Deborah Horan at 202 863-2487 or write violence@acog.org.

Su Familia: The National Hispanic Family Health Helpline: 1-866-SU-FAMILIA. Su Familia offers free, reliable and confidential health information in Spanish and English. Bilingual health information specialists provide callers with basic information on a wide range of health topics. Call toll-free, 1 866 783-2645, Monday - Friday, from 9 A.M. - 6 P.M. Eastern standard time.