

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010

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Healthy Vermonters 2010 Released

The Vermont Department of Health formally released *Healthy Vermonters 2010* in October 2000. *Healthy Vermonters 2010* continues the work begun in 1992 with the publication of *Healthy Vermonters 2000*. The new plan identifies 16 priority areas ranging from access to health care to tobacco, and includes 82 objectives. The plan was developed with the involvement of more than 80 different organizations throughout the State. It was first shared with community partners at a strategy planning meeting in September. The intent of *Healthy Vermonters 2010* is to ensure success through community-based partnerships. *Healthy Vermonters 2010* is available on the Vermont Department of Health Web site at www.state.vt.us/health.

Public Health Training Centers

The purpose of the Public Health Training Centers (PHTCs) is to improve the Nation's public health system by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial, and leadership competence of the current and future public health workforce. Emphasis is placed on developing the existing public health workforce as a foundation for improving the infrastructure of the public health system and helping achieve the objectives of Healthy People 2010. The PHTCs will involve faculty members and students in

collaborative projects to enhance public health services to medically underserved communities. Collaborative projects will be developed with local, State, and regional public health agencies and boards of health to help enhance the quality of public health services being provided by public health personnel, especially for underserved areas and populations.

Florida Web Enables Health Status Indicators

Florida web enabled its Public Health Information Data System (PHIDS) last month (October 2000). This system provides county-level data for more than 500 Health Status Indicators for time periods dating back to 1980. Users may select annual data by county for public health indicators of birth data, cause of death, and disease morbidity. Many of these indicators are Healthy People objectives. Tables comparing Florida's 67 counties and the State for a selected span of years are available for viewing and downloading. Maps for a selected number of indicators will be available by the first part of 2001. The Web site for the Florida Department of Health is www.doh.state.fl.us.

Join the 100% Immunization Campaign

Nursing facilities and assisted-living communities now have the opportunity to enroll as a partner in the 100% Immunization Campaign. Long-term care organizations that meet the

Healthy People 2000 goals for immunization of residents are eligible to join. These goals specify that 80% of the facility residents should be immunized with both pneumococcal and influenza vaccines. The influenza goal applies to the most recent influenza season. The 100% Immunization Campaign offers a variety of resource materials to assist long-term care organizations in meeting immunization goals and implementing an organized immunization program in their facility. An Immunization Resource Manual is available at www.immunizeseniors.org or by calling Thomas Clark at (703) 739-1316, ext. 123 or by e-mail at tclark@asp.com.

Secretary's Writing Workshop

A one-day writing workshop, with lectures and hands-on instruction, was held on August 7, 2000, at Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine. The workshop was designed for faculty sponsors of health profession students participating in the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Secretary's Award for Innovations in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention writing com-

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petition (Secretary's Award). Each faculty sponsor brought at least one student participant. Techniques discussed included brainstorming for ideas and tips on manuscript preparation. The HHS document, *Healthy People 2010*, and its effect on training health profession students was discussed. All participants left the writing workshop with a greater knowledge of how to compose successful proposals for the Secretary's Award writing competition. A style manual for health profession students desiring to enter the Secretary's Award competition is available. Contact Charles M. Hendrix, D.V.M., Ph.D., at hendrcm@vetmed.auburn.edu or telephone (334) 844-2688.

Medical Students and the Healthy People Leading Health Indicators

The American Medical Student Association announces the Community and Public Health Institute, April 19-22, 2001. The Institute is designed to introduce medical student leaders to the 10 Leading Health Indicators and teach them how to build community health initiatives around them. Through hands-on activities and discussion with community and public health leaders, we aim to empower students to take action in their own communities on issues highlighted by Healthy People 2010. The Institute is funded through a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. For more information, visit www.amsa.org/cph.html or e-mail P. Travis Harker at harker.8@osu.edu.

Pennsylvania Public Health Association

In September 2000, the Pennsylvania Public Health Association (PPHA) began a process of listening to individuals, organizations, and institutions across Pennsylvania, soliciting their knowledge, experiences, and perspectives on public health issues in

Pennsylvania. The long-term goal of the Healthy People 2010 project is to strengthen the public health infrastructure in Pennsylvania by identifying priority areas on which public health practitioners should focus for the next 10 years. Discussions were held across the State at scheduled meetings, gatherings, and groups convened by PPHA members and others interested in public health. Although some sessions have been scheduled, PPHA needs your help. Please volunteer to hold a discussion in your area. The PPHA Healthy People 2010 workgroup will provide you with the necessary tools and resources to conduct a discussion. All discussions will be held through April 2001. PPHA will compile the information into a report. PPHA plans to distribute this report not only to PPHA members, but to legislators, State and local departments of health, media, and on the PPHA Web site. For more information please visit www.libertynet.org/ppha.

INFO ON THE WEB

National Community Centers of Excellence in Women's Health

<http://www.4woman.gov/>
The National Community Centers of Excellence in Women's Health (CCOEs) will coordinate all aspects of a woman's health throughout her life span, including active management of the socioeconomic and cultural influences that often stand in the way of quality health care for underserved women.



About Consortium Exchange

Healthy People Consortium Exchange is an information resource for Healthy People Consortium members to share news about prevention activities related to achieving the Nation's health promotion and disease prevention objectives. Please send news about your programs and activities to Miryam C. Granthon, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 738G, Washington, DC 20201; (202) 690-6245; fax (202) 690-7054. For a list of Consortium members or to see other issues of Consortium Exchange and other Consortium materials visit www.health.gov/healthypeople/partners.

Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination as It Affects Persons With Limited English Proficiency

<http://www.os.dhhs.gov/ocr/lep>
The guidance, published in the Federal Register by the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR), lays out and explains more fully OCR's existing policies. The guidance outlines the legal responsibilities of providers that receive Federal financial assistance from HHS; these include providers such as hospitals, HMOs and human service agencies that help people with limited English skills. The guidance also provides a flexible road map to the range of options available to providers in meeting the language needs of the Nation's increasingly diverse population.

Community Health Status Indicators Reports

<http://www.communityhealth.hrsa.gov/>

This unique source of data is found in the Community Health Status Indicators (CHSI) Reports funded by HHS's Health Resources and Services Administration and produced in collaboration with the National Association of County and City Health Officials, the National Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and the Public Health Foundation. The data cover the period from 1988 to 1998.