



Title X

Urgent request for input!

Family Planning Coordinators at Title X agencies - please check your email inboxes for a message from us. We need your input in deciding which strategies to include in our proposal for the supplemental FY08 Title X grant funds announced at our recent statewide meeting. Please respond to the email by Friday, May 9th. Thanks in advance for your help!

Directed Supplements Announced

Region X has announced the availability of directed supplement funds for projects focused on male reproductive health. Application details and guidance are attached. If your agency plans to apply, all materials are due to Karol Almroth (Karol.I.Almroth@state.or.us) by Wednesday, June 11th.

At the state office, we plan to apply for funding to support the Chlamydia Project (IPP), Title X-supported vasectomies, and high-cost contraceptive methods. If we are awarded any of these, the funds will be made available to all Title X delegates. Unfortunately, no funds are available this year for general special projects, such as the SAFE Family Planning Project.

FPEP

Audit Corner

We'd like to draw your attention to a common pitfall when billing FPEP for reimbursement of the Patch and the NuvaRing purchased from Multnomah County Central Stores.

- The Patch comes in a box of three (a one cycle supply) and is approximately \$15.00 per box.
- The Ring come in a box of three (a three cycle supply) and is approximately \$15 per ring, but \$45 per box of three.

You can see where this could get confusing. It may be easier to keep it straight if you think that both methods costs about \$15 per month, whether it's 3 Patches or 1 Ring. Please check with your billing staff to make sure these items are set up correctly in your billing system. If you have any questions, please contact Karol Almroth (971-673-9357).

Training, Education, and Upcoming Events

Make Your Voice Heard!

Two opportunities to provide input on the future of health and other human services in Oregon:

- 1) DHS Director Bruce Goldberg M.D. is traveling the state hosting community forums to gather public input on the DHS budget priorities for 2009-2011. The forms have already begun but Salem, Lincoln City, Eastern Oregon, and Bend events are still to come. Follow this link or see the attached flyer for details and a complete schedule of forums:

http://oregon.gov/DHS/aboutdhs/budget/09-11budget/2008_community_forum_invite.pdf

- 2) The Oregon Health Forum is hosting community engagement meetings across the state to inform the work of the Oregon Health Fund Board. (The Oregon Health Fund Board was created in 2007, as the result of Senate Bill 329. It is developing a comprehensive plan to ensure access to health care for Oregonians, contain health care costs, and address issues of quality in health care. Various sub-committees of the Board are currently developing reports to deliver to the full Board by the end of June. The Board will spend the summer working with the recommendations of the committees to create a comprehensive plan and will take public comment on this plan in the fall of 2008.) Thirteen meetings will be held; see this site for a list of dates, times, and locations:

<http://www.healthforum.org/events/meetings.html#14>

AmeriCorps Host Site Applications

AmeriCorps HOPE program is inviting applications from sites who are interested in hosting a full-time AmeriCorps member for the grant term of Sept. 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009. HOPE stands for "Healthy Options through Prevention and Education" and is an Oregon-specific AmeriCorps program designed to teach youth & families about healthy relations & sexuality, and to provide direct support to host sites. If you are interested, please see the attached announcement or this website for more information:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/teens/ameriCorps/>