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The **deadline** for the next MPHA Enews is **Thursday, March 8th** for the March 9th issue.

Please contact Michelle Caliandro with content or questions about this publication at [mcaliandro@mainelung.org](mailto:mcaliandro@mainelung.org) or 1-800-499-5864 x 103.

## **Learning Opportunities**

### **Achieving Global Energy Security**

The Achieving Global Energy Security (AGES) conference at USM is the first of its kind, connecting the work of organizations and individuals concerned about energy policies, nuclear issues, global warming, preemptive war strategy in general and the Iraq War in particular. A major goal of this conference is to help promote a shift in public attitudes from anxiety and fear to hope, engagement, and action. Participants will consider the links between these issues and collaborative working relationships will be strengthened to support ongoing work promoting fundamental changes in local and national policies.

For more information go to: [www.psrmaine.org](http://www.psrmaine.org) or call 207-772-6714.

### **2007 Maine Indoor Air Quality Conference**

Seats are available at the March 28th Conference on "Linking Student & Worker Performance and the Indoor Environment." This conference is at the Augusta Civic Center. For more information go to: [www.miaqc.org](http://www.miaqc.org) Limited scholarships are available, please contact Christy Crocker at 626-8115.

## **Maine Center for Public Health Annual Meeting**

### **REGISTRATION REMINDER**

The Maine Center for Public Health invites you to attend our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at the Maine Principals' Association Conference & Meeting Center from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please contact Dani for a registration form for your reference and use in e-mailing friends and colleagues. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited, so registration is required. Thank you. Dani Kalian, Meeting Coordinator/Administrative Assistant, Maine Center for Public Health, 12 Church Street, Augusta, ME 04330, P: 207.629.9272 x204, F: 207.629.9277, [www.mcph.org](http://www.mcph.org)

## **Maine's 3rd Annual HIV Prevention and Care Conference**

The conference will be held in Augusta October 14th and 15th, 2007.

Planning is starting now, and we would welcome any input and/or assistance.

Here's how you might help:

- Join the Planning Committee (there will be five or so meetings over the next nine months);
- Share some of your great ideas with us;
- Send us some good contacts - speakers, presenters, DRUG REPS THAT YOU HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH, or any other sponsorship ideas; and
- Plan to join us in October!

This year, we hope to change the format a little, and include more health care practitioners - including dentists and pharmacists.

If you'd like to assist with planning contact us:

Gen Meredith, Jamie Cotnoir and Ryan White, Maine CDC - HIV, STD & Viral Hepatitis Program, 286 Water Street, 9th Floor, 11 State House Station,

Augusta, ME 04333, Ph: 207-287-4846

## **New England Regional Minority Health Conference**

New England Regional Minority Health Conference - Eliminating Health Disparities by 2010: Economic and Moral Imperatives April 2, 3 & 4, 2007  
Foxwoods Conference Center, Mashantucket, CT [www.NERMHC.com](http://www.NERMHC.com)

## **Nordic Walking Instructor Class**

Reminder -- there will be a Nordic Walking Instructor Class being offered on Sunday, March 18 at Medical Care Development in Augusta. The class will begin at 9:00 am and should conclude around 4:00 pm.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be certified to offer nordic walking in your area. The cost is \$100 made payable to Exel the day of the training.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Diane no later than March 12. Thank you. Diane M. Campbell, Project Manager, Maine Cardiovascular, Health Council, Maine Governor's Council on Physical Activity, 11 Parkwood Drive, Augusta, ME 04330, 207-622-7566, ext. 230

## **Reaching Vulnerable Populations in Public Health Emergencies**

The Maine Center for Public Health, in partnership with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Harvard School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness, would like to invite you to the upcoming "Reaching Vulnerable Populations in Public Health Emergencies" conference on April 10, 2007, at the Augusta Civic Center.

For information and online registration: [www.mcph.org/Events.htm](http://www.mcph.org/Events.htm)

## Legislative Information

### Legislative Update

MPHA priority areas are:

- Fund for a Healthy Maine;
- Environmental Issues;
- Health Care Access;
- Obesity;
- Tobacco;
- Public Health Infrastructure; and
- Other - as appropriate.

Regarding Legislative activity - A full public hearing schedule is available by following this link:

<http://www.state.me.us/legis/senate/Documents/hearing/ANPHFrame.htm>

For additional legislative information:

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/lio/>

For more information regarding MPHA's legislative priorities go to:

[mpha@mcd.org](mailto:mpha@mcd.org)

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### Raise Your Voice!

Environmental Health Advocacy Day ~ Thursday, April 5th, 2007, 8:00 AM,  
Maine State Capitol, Cross Cafe

Because Democracy is a tool that works best when used by many hands.

### Protect Children's Health from Unnecessary Dangerous Chemicals like Deca

Chemicals are especially dangerous to our children when they break down slowly, build up in our food chain and are so pervasive that we come into contact with them daily. The unfortunate truth is that these persistent toxic

chemicals are in a wide variety of household products and are in the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe. Help us protect our children and phase out Deca, a toxic flame retardant, here in Maine.

The Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine campaigns to phase out these unnecessary dangerous chemicals and replace them with safer alternatives. Public health, labor, community, and environmental organizations work together to prevent harm before it happens. PLEASE JOIN US to make your voice heard!

Come join us for a day at the Statehouse and add your voice to a growing chorus of Mainers that want a healthy environment where we live, work and play. Your legislators will be making critical decisions impacting the health of our families and our environment—we need to make our voices heard.

No prior statehouse experience is needed; organizers will brief you on issues and lobbying techniques.

Thursday, April 5th, 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Maine State Capitol, Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly!

To RSVP or find out more information contact: Harris Parnell 871-1810, [harris@toxicsaction.org](mailto:harris@toxicsaction.org)

The Maine Public Health Association is part of the Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine.

## Information

### **Maine Association of Nonprofits Announces Awards Program to Recognize Exemplary Maine Nonprofits**

**Deadline:** March 14, 2007 ~ This spring the Maine Association of Nonprofits (<http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/>) will select three Maine nonprofit organizations that have achieved significant results by combining ingenuity with sound management practices to receive cash awards totaling \$10,000. The awards will be presented to the three organizations on April 27, 2007, at the MANP annual conference in Portland.

MANP's Awards for Nonprofit Excellence program is built on a new series of assessment and capacity-building tools, called the Guiding Principles and Practices of Nonprofit Excellence in Maine, that were created by MANP and underwritten by the Maine Community Foundation ( <http://www.mainecef.org/> ).

The competition is open to any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Maine that can demonstrate how the sound management practices set forth in the Guiding Principles and Practices of Nonprofit Excellence in Maine, combined with ingenuity, resulted in successful outcomes and results.

Application forms for the program are available on the MANP Web site.

RFP Link: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10006303/nonprofitmaine>

For additional RFPs in Philanthropy and Voluntarism, visit: [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_philanthropy.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_philanthropy.jhtml)

### **Preliminary Birth Data for 2005**

The National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recently released the information about birth outcomes . Preliminary data shows another increase in preterm births. It rose from 12.5 in 2004 to 12.7 in 2005. In 1990, the rate was 10.6 percent. This is a 20% increase since 1990.

The NCHS is currently preparing the final report which will include information on Maine's births. To read more about the preliminary report, visit [www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/pubs/pubd/hestats/prelimbirths05/prelimbirths05.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/pubs/pubd/hestats/prelimbirths05/prelimbirths05.htm)

**RESOURCE:** As part of the March of Dimes VitaGrant project, the Maine Chapter is making a new brochure available to health care providers. To download a copy of the "Congratulations, Mom! You Have a Beautiful Baby" brochure visit [http://www.nbdpn.org/current/resources/ntd\\_fa\\_info.html](http://www.nbdpn.org/current/resources/ntd_fa_info.html) . If you are a health care provider and serve postpartum women, you can request copies for your patients from this office ( [ssschulberger@marchofdimes.com](mailto:ssschulberger@marchofdimes.com) ) .

**Save the Date:** The March of Dimes Maine Chapter will hold its annual Lobby Day at the Hall of Flags at the State House on March 14th from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. We will have an opportunity to meet with our State Representatives and Senators. We will share highlights of our work in Maine that contributes to healthier babies.

This activity is conducted by the Public Affairs Committee (PAC). If you enjoy advocacy and working with legislators both at the state and federal level, we welcome you as an active member of the PAC. We meet at last quarterly. Our major issues include newborn screening, access to care, birth defects surveillance, and the PREEMIE Act. Volunteers can be involved in helping to plan and conduct initiatives. We are also seeking additional members to our e-mail based advocacy alert committee. When a bill that we support is being discussed in committee or on the floor, we send e-mails to members, asking that they either call or write their Congressman, expressing March of Dimes concerns. We include sample letters to make it easier for you and your busy schedule. Contact Sharon at [sschulberger@marchofdimes.com](mailto:sschulberger@marchofdimes.com) for more information. To learn more about our public affairs activities, visit [http://search.marchofdimes.com/cgi-bin/MsmGo.exe?grab\\_id=0&page\\_id=1930&query=public%20affairs&hiword=AFFAIR%20PUBLICALLY%20PUBLICITY%20PUBLICLY%20PUBLICS%20affairs%20public%20](http://search.marchofdimes.com/cgi-bin/MsmGo.exe?grab_id=0&page_id=1930&query=public%20affairs&hiword=AFFAIR%20PUBLICALLY%20PUBLICITY%20PUBLICLY%20PUBLICS%20affairs%20public%20).

Save the Date: March of Dimes Prematurity Awareness Day, November 13, 2007

### **Support of a "Heart Healthy" Maine**

On June 5, 2007, the eighth annual "Heart Healthy" recognition awards will be presented at the Governor's Tenth Annual Cardiovascular Health Summit. The goal in presenting these awards is to recognize and encourage the efforts of physician practices, health centers, schools, workplaces, communities, organizations, or businesses whose achievements help to promote healthy hearts in their community.

The criteria for award nominations and an award application form are attached. Awards will be presented in each of the following categories: clinical practice, schools, worksites, and communities. Forms are available at [mainecardiohealth.org](http://mainecardiohealth.org). Nominations should be submitted electronically no later than April 17, 2007 to [dianec@mcd.org](mailto:dianec@mcd.org). Winners and nominators will be notified before the June 5th presentation date.

Thank you for your support in helping us recognize communities in action.

## **Career Opportunities**

### **MASAP Seeking Epidemiologist**

The Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs (MASAP), a non-profit membership organization recognized state-wide and nationally as the voice of substance abuse in Maine. MASAP, is seeking an Epidemiologist for a full-

time grant funded position to work closely with the Maine Office of Substance Abuse, Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Program as well as other data and research programs to analyze and report on substance abuse data, risk and protective factors, and links to morbidity and mortality.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** A Masters Degree in Epidemiology or closely related field and 2 years professional experience.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to: EPI SEARCH, c/o Ruth Blauer, Executive Director, MASAP, 8 Mulliken Court, Augusta, ME 04330

[http://www.masap.org/site/employment\\_detail.asp?job=60](http://www.masap.org/site/employment_detail.asp?job=60)

### **Research Assistant IV (PT) ~ Harvard School of Public Health**

School / Unit Harvard School of Public Health Department SHDH Location Boston Full Or Part Time Part-Time Salary Grade 055 Eligible for Overtime Date Posted 01/05/2007

**Duties And Responsibilities:** The Research Associate will conduct research and evaluation, and provide technical assistance in measurement and surveillance to improve nutrition and physical activity and reduce overweight and obesity in collaboration with various partners of the Maine-Harvard Prevention Research Center. The position requires an individual prepared at the doctoral level with strong research, evaluation, writing and interpersonal skills who can effectively maintain several concurrent projects. The position is based at the Maine Center for Public Health in Augusta, ME and requires monthly travel to HSPH. Please Note: This position is located at Augusta, Maine.

#### **Required Education, Experience and Skills Basic Requirements:**

Doctorate in Public Health preferred; doctorate in social and behavioral sciences acceptable. Additional Requirements: Strong quantitative, writing, and interpersonal skills. Experience in program evaluation.

**Harvard offers amazing benefits such as:** 3 - 4 weeks paid vacation, paid holiday break, 12 paid sick days, 11.5 paid holidays, and 3 paid personal days per year. We also offer 8 medical plans, an excellent dental plan, a University funded retirement plan, fitness reimbursement and a competitive tuition assistance program (\$40 per class at the Harvard Extension School and more). Be a part of the oldest institution of higher learning in the country!!

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Loretta LaFratta, Assistant Director of Administration, Dept. of Society Human Development and Health, Harvard School of Public Health, 677 Huntington Avenue, Room 712a, Boston, MA 02115, [llafratt@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:llafratt@hsph.harvard.edu), (office) 617-432-3758

### **Managing Director, Environmental Health Strategy Center**

SENIOR STAFF person needed to manage program, organizational and fund development activities. As Managing Director, you'll work in a team to ensure that we operate as a high performance organization that balances strategic program development with financial sustainability. Strong management skills, relevant non-profit experience and proven commitment to social change a must. Join a dynamic, collaborative organization to promote public health, eliminate dangerous chemicals and develop safer alternatives such as bio-based plastics. Salary up to \$45,000 annual, depending on experience. Excellent benefits and quality environment - live and work in Maine. For a full job description, visit [www.preventharm.org/downloads/Job Desc Man Dir.doc](http://www.preventharm.org/downloads/Job_Desc_Man_Dir.doc).

To apply: Send a cover letter and résumé to [info@preventharm.org](mailto:info@preventharm.org), along with a writing sample and three references. This position will remain open until filled.

The Environmental Health Strategy Center, a Project of the Tides Center, is an equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage and seek applications from women, and people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals, as well as members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender communities.

THANK YOU FOR CIRCULATING THIS JOB ANNOUNCEMENT Michael Belliveau, Executive Director, Environmental Health Strategy Center, [www.preventharm.org](http://www.preventharm.org), [mbelliveau@preventharm.org](mailto:mbelliveau@preventharm.org).

### **UNE - Public Health- Epidemiology Position**

The University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) invites applications for a TENURE-TRACK FACULTY POSITION (Assistant/Associate) in the Department of Community Programs to begin Summer/Fall 2007. Expertise in population health research and practice is essential. We seek applicants using population health research methods to study various public health issues. Experienced investigators with current funding support are preferred, however, junior faculty with highly innovative

research programs with potential for extramural funding are also encouraged to apply. We are particularly interested in seeking an individual who can teach epidemiology in the graduate public health program and health profession program, and the population health course in our osteopathic school.

Candidates must have:

- A doctorate in epidemiology or related field (PhD, DrPH or ScD) or advanced education that includes epidemiology (DO/MD with MPH and solid evidence of epidemiology teaching and research skills).
- Familiarity with Evidence Based Practice and its application to medicine and public health
- Experience teaching graduate level students
- Interest and experience with evaluation and community research methods

Skills should include the ability to teach medical and physician assistant students in a traditional classroom setting, teach web-based courses that reach graduate public health students in rural areas of the Northeast and advise graduate students, residents in our family practice residency program, and faculty within UNECOM and the College of Health Professions on their research.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop and maintain an independent research program in his/her area of expertise that attracts extramural funding and participate in interdisciplinary research collaborations. All applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a one to two page statement outlining their research interests and experience, a description of teaching experience, and names of three references. Review of applications will commence on March 1, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine <http://www.une.edu/com> is located on the coast of southern Maine within easy driving distance of Portland and Boston. This coastal community and the surrounding area offer an outstanding quality of life with an affordable cost of living. The University of New England offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefits program, which includes well-funded health, dental, life and disability insurance, a progressive retirement program, liberal leave time, free fitness facility, modest travel money, and tuition benefits for employees and families.

Anticipated starting date is summer with classes beginning on August 8, 2007. Inquiries and questions may be directed to Becky Whittemore, <mailto:bwhittemore@une.edu>.

Electronic applications are preferred. All application materials should be sent to: Rebecca Russell, Human Resources Generalist, University of New England, 11 Hills Beach Rd., Biddeford, ME 04005-9599, Phone: 207.602.2394, Fax: 207.602.5902, [Rrussell@une.edu](mailto:Rrussell@une.edu)

UNE is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages minority candidates.

## Supporting Our Membership

### Income Tax Check Off To Benefit Lung Health Research

This tax season people have a new way to support the ALAME mission and further lung disease research. On the Maine Income Tax return, people can now check off that they'd like a portion of their return dedicated to asthma and lung disease research. Our organization is working closely with the Maine Center for Disease Control to assure that the funds raised by the tax check off will be used to support quality research. For more information go to:

[http://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/1040/2006/ScheduleCP\\_06.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/1040/2006/ScheduleCP_06.pdf)

Our mission is to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. Along with our public health partners, we have an impressive track record of fighting tuberculosis in the 20th century and in our current battle against tobacco use. The nearly 60% drop in youth smoking over the past 10 years will result in the prevention of thousands of cases of lung disease.

Part of promoting lung health also involves assuring that those with lung disease receive quality, affordable and accessible care. Most of our research funding supports projects designed to help those with lung disease achieve the highest level of functioning possible.

With your help we are continuing to improve the lung health of all Maine people.

Feel free to include this information in your newsletters.



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