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MPHA Scholarship Announcement

MPHA is pleased to announce that we will be giving a \$500 scholarship to support graduate-level coursework in public health. The guidelines and application are available on the MPHA website at: <http://www.mcph.org/mpha/MPHAindex.html>

The **deadline** for submitting a complete application is **September 8, 2006**. Please contact Brenda Joly, Scholarship Committee Chair, at 626-5003 or bjoly@usm.maine.edu with any questions.

Anthem Health Care Leadership Conference on Workplace Wellness SAVE THE DATE: **October 19**, Augusta Civic Center

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is sponsoring the second in a series of conferences on “Reversing the Tide: Creating a Healthier Maine.” “The business case for workplace wellness” will explore what employers can do to help their bottom line and their employees’ health.

The daylong, statewide conference will be held at the Augusta Civic Center and will bring together national and state experts on workplace wellness. Two of the nation’s foremost experts on workplace wellness will deliver keynote addresses: Dee Edington, PhD, Director, Health Management Research Center, University of Michigan and Michael O’Donnell, PhD, President and Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of Health Promotion.

The full conference agenda and registration information will be **available on September 8**. If you have questions before then, please contact Liz Bedard at elizabeth.bedard@anthem.com.

Save the Date -- AIDS Walk

To mark the 25 years of struggle and hope that so many of us have engaged in to help those who have been stricken with, or at risk for, HIV-AIDS, the Maine Community AIDS Partner- ship [MCAP] is sponsoring a special “**AIDS WALK FOR ALL**” on **September 30, 2006 in Augusta at 11:00am**. (Same day registration available starting at 10:00 a.m.)

Come join MCAP and other stakeholders on September 30 to walk: ***In remembrance of those who have been taken from us by AIDS; In support of those who are living among us with HIV/AIDS; and, In commitment to protect all those who are free of HIV/AIDS to remain so.*** Let us make the “**AIDS WALK FOR ALL**” a special day in the hearts of all Mainers.

For sign up details and additional information contact MCAP@mcd.org

Save the Date -- 3rd Annual Unused Drug Conference

The Maine Benzodiazepine Study Group is pleased to announce the 4th Annual Maine Benzodiazepine Study Group and 3rd Annual Unused Drug Return Conferences to be held **October 23-24, 2006** in Portland, Maine.

A national and international roster of experts from government, academe, and industry will address a range of critical issues including:

- * The effect of over-prescribing patterns on patient safety
- * The risks to patient and public safety of inadequate disposal protocols for unused and expired prescription drugs
- * The relationship between adverse drug reactions, cognitive impairment, and increased injury risk among older adults

Physicians, social workers, law enforcement, counselors, nurses, pharmacists, psychiatrists, community members, and all health care providers will want to attend.

More conference details will be distributed soon on the MBSG website - www.mainebenzo.org

Save the Date -- Program Planning Conference

Insights for Program Planners -- based on Maine Research Results
Cultural Subpopulations & Community Coalitions -- **Wednesday, September 27, 2006**
Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington, ME

TARGET AUDIENCE

The specific audience includes:

Community Coalition Professionals and Members
Prevention and Health Promotion
Practitioners
Program Managers and Administrators
State Agency Prevention Staff
Volunteers and Task Force Members
Others who deliver prevention services or who are interested in prevention

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ANA Working to Make Our Chemicals Safer

Do you or family member use lotion, shampoo, and/or make-up? Did you know that you may be receiving a daily dose of mutagenic or reproductive toxics by using these everyday personal care products? Additionally, human health effects are not known for many other of these industrial ingredients. It is legal for the producers to place toxic chemicals in our everyday products because the current United States chemicals policy allows manufacturers to use almost any ingredient or raw material in their product without government review or approval.

To read the article - <http://tinyurl.com/kpzszy>

Forum for Executive Directors of Nonprofits to Begin Augusta

A strategic collaboration for nonprofit leaders called Paddling the Rapids is initiating a forum group in Augusta. For any executive director of a nonprofit interested in learning more about this group there will be a free information session in Augusta on **Monday, August 14, 5-6:30 pm** in the West Room of The Arboretum on 153 Hospital Street in Augusta. There is no charge for this meeting and no obligation to join the group.

Currently there are ongoing regional groups in Belfast, Bangor, and Machias. To participate in a Paddling the Rapids forum group, attend an information session, start a group in your area, or inquire about the process contact: Carol Carriuolo, 236-0287, clcarriuolo@adelphia.net. Paddling the Rapids is an affiliate of the Eastern Maine Development Corporation.

Great American Neighborhood

GrowSmart Maine has just released a new educational brief "Great American Neighborhoods", go to <http://growsmartmaine.org> to read the brief.

Deadline for Next MPHA E-News

The deadline for the next issue of the MPHA E-News is **Thursday, August 10th for the Friday, August 11th** Issue of E-News.

Please keep this in mind when submitting information. If you have questions about this publication, please contact Michelle Caliandro at mcaliandro@mainelung.org or 1-800-499-5864 x 103.