



# Oregon Public Health Association

Working together to make health happen

January 2012

## OPHA Nursing Section's Legislative Visit Day

**February 1, Salem**

Join the Oregon Public Health Association Nursing section for Legislative visit day on February 1st in Salem. It's your chance to meet Oregon's policy and public health leaders from around the state. You'll learn about the public health related bills that the legislature will be considering during the short 2012 session and have the opportunity to share your views with leadership from the Oregon Senate and House, as well as the Governor's office. Carpooling is encouraged. For more information contact [Rebecca Austen](#), OPHA Nursing Section Chair.

## OPHA Sponsors "Food for Thought"

**February 9, Portland**

**Time:** 6:00-8:00pm

**Location:** Lola's Room (below the Crystal Ballroom)  
1332 W. Burnside

**Details:** Join us for an evening of thought provoking discussion, networking, food and drink. Learn more about why you should care about and engage in building a sustainable food system for the health of people, our community, and our environment. We will be screening a segment of "Food, Inc.", hosting a panel discussion of local experts in the field of food and environmental justice, and a Q&A session. Tickets are \$20 and include food and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will also be available. Tickets may be purchased from the [McMenamin's box office](#): online for a \$4 fee or at the box office for a \$1 fee. For more information contact [Jessica Nischik](#), OPHA Healthy Environment Section Co-chair.

## Help Mentor Future Epidemiologists

**Take part in the 2012 Science Olympiad**

The Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving kindergarten through 12th grade science education, increasing interest in science, and giving recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by students and teachers. Our written exam typically includes several outbreak scenarios and general questions about epidemiology in the form of multiple choice, fill in the blank, true/false, matching, and interpretation of graphs and maps.

How can you help? Write a section of the test, check over the test once it's completed, or come to the tournament and help administer the test. We are already starting to write the test, with a completion date around the first week of March. **The Science Olympiad will be held on April 12, 2012.** If you would like to help, email [Annie Raich](#) or [Jim Gaudino](#), OPHA Epidemiology and Biostatistics Section Co-chair. To find out more information, look on the following websites: <http://oregonscienceolympiad.com/> and <http://www.soinc.org/>.

## February 9 Epidemiologists Forum **CANCELED**

The Forum scheduled for February 9 has been canceled.

## Epidemiologists' Forum

February 29, Portland

### Bisphenol-A (BPA), Endocrine Disruptors and the Precautionary Principal

**Time:** 4:00-6:00pm

**Location:** Portland State Office Building, Room 1D  
800 NE Oregon Street

**Details:** The OPHA Epidemiology and Biostatistics Section is sponsoring Greg Hill and Steven Kolmes. Greg Hill's research looks broadly at applications of mathematics to environmental and sustainability issues. Steven Kolmes' interests are in the areas of salmon recovery planning, combining ethical and scientific analyses in environmental policy discussions, water and air quality issues, and the sublethal effects of pesticides. This Forum is also sponsored by the Oregon Public Health Division and OHSU. For more information contact [Ken Rosenberg](#), OPHA Epidemiology & Biostatistics Section Co-Chair.

## Save the Date for OPHA 2012

October 8 & 9, Corvallis

We hope you enjoyed OPHA 2011 and this year's meeting is sure to be even more vibrant and important. The OPHA 68th Annual Conference & Meeting is your opportunity to come together with other public health stakeholders to learn about the latest research and trends in the field, network and share your own experiences. Leave this meeting knowing you will make a difference to public health in our region. Look for more details soon on the [OPHA website](#).

## OPHA is now on Twitter

Follow us on [twitter](#) @ORPublicHealth. Who Should OPHA be following? Email suggestions to [Lesa Dixon-Gray](#).

## Like us on Facebook

Connect with other people in Oregon's public health community while helping us expand our message. [Like OPHA on Facebook](#) and hit the like button at the top of individual posts.

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## Community Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Ending Hunger in Oregon: 2012 Food Security Summit

**Date:** January 19-20

**Location:** Corvallis, Oregon

**Details:** The Oregon Hunger Task Force, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, Oregon Food Bank and Oregon State University are bringing together Oregonians from across the state to assess current conditions, create solutions, and take action. The Summit will showcase the most up-to-date knowledge and approaches to ending hunger, and provide opportunities for Oregonians to contribute through group discussions. For more information visit [www.oregonhunger.org](http://www.oregonhunger.org).

### Telehealth Alliance of Oregon 6th Annual Meeting & Summit

**Date:** February 2 & 3

**Location:** Portland, Oregon

**Details:** The TAO 6th Annual Meeting & Summit will focus on engaging rural areas in using telehealth to bring services to their communities. Other topics include using telehealth technologies to expand mental health services, incorporating mobile health technologies, engaging policy

changes to increase telehealth usage, and examining where telehealth fits into Oregon's healthcare transformation plan. For more information visit [the TAO Summit webpage](#).

### 4th Annual NW Environmental Health Conference

**Date:** February 10

**Location:** Portland, Oregon

**Details:** OPHA is helping host the NW Environmental Health Conference, which brings together leading scientists, researchers, and health professionals in the multidisciplinary field of environmental health to continue our robust dialogue on the interrelationship between the environment and health and healthcare practices. The 2012 conference will focus on environmental chemical contributors to obesity and diabetes and explore how such health disparities may arise, in part, because of different levels of exposures to chemicals of concern. Other hosts include the Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Health Care Without Harm, and the Josiah Hill III Clinic. The Conference is sponsored by the Northwest Health Foundation and the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association, NW Chapter. For more information and to register, visit [the NW Environmental Health Conference webpage](#).

### Moving Beyond Pregnancy Options Dialogue

**Date:** February 10

**Location:** Portland, Oregon

**Details:** OPHA, Backline, Open Adoption & Family Services and Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette are sponsoring this workshop with breakout sessions on abortion, adoption and parenting. This skill building workshop will allow participants to gain new counseling skills, access current information and increase their ability to confidently provide thorough options for counseling in their health clinic, classroom or counseling office. For more information visit [the Moving Beyond Pregnancy Options Dialogue webpage](#).

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