



Oregon Public Health Association

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Upcoming Activities and Events:

Third annual Youth Photo Contest: *"The Way I See It: A Youth Perspective on Health"*

This Photo Contest is designed to engage young people in thinking about what Health is and how it affects their lives. The contest is open to Oregon youth, ages 12-18. Submissions for the contest will take place February 1- March 1, 2011.

Visit www.communityhealthpriorities.org for more information.

Please help spread the word by forwarding the contest flyer on to youth, youth serving partners and others interested in promoting public health!

Free Advocacy Training: Protect Oregon children from toxic BPA: "What can I do?"

Date/ Time: Thursday, Feb. 24, 7-9 p.m.

Location: Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital Office Bldg, 1040 NW 22nd Ave, first floor, Portland

Details: This could be the year that we ban bisphenol-A from Oregon kids' food and drink containers - and you can help. Join Rachel's Friends Breast Cancer Coalition for free advocacy training. Savvy speakers will explain the facts about pending Oregon and federal legislation that would reduce our exposure to BPA and other toxic chemicals.

Please e-mail or call today if you plan on attending: rachelsfriendsbcc@gmail.com or call 503-777-2761

Presentation: An Evening with Kelly Brownell

Date/Time: Monday, March 7 • 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, 66 East 6th Avenue, Eugene, OR

Details: Dr. Kelly Brownell is Director of The Yale Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity; and the author of 14 books, including "Food Fight; the Inside Story of the Food Industry, America's Obesity Crisis, and What We Can Do About It". In 2006, TIME Magazine listed Dr. Brownell among "The World's 100 Most Influential People" in a special issue featuring those "...whose power, talent or moral example is changing the world." This presentation is free and open to the public and is sponsored by ORI, Oregon Research Institute.

More info available at <http://www.ori.org/Brownell/brownell.html>

Woodburn Community Health Fair

Date/ Time: Thursday, March 31, 4:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Woodburn High School Large Commons, Woodburn, OR

Details: The OPHA Medical Providers section is seeking volunteers interested in helping to staff an OPHA booth at the Woodburn Community Health Fair. The Fair is being organized to address critical health needs in Woodburn's migrant farmworker population and to empower the community through health education. Organizers hope to provide basic health screenings as well as a variety of informational and interactive booths designed to help the community become aware of the many health-related programs, services and providers located in the local, state, and national community.

Please contact the [Medical Providers section](#) for more information.

2011 Public Health Week: "Safety is No Accident: Prevent Injuries and Violence in Oregon"

Dates: April 4 -8, 2011

Location: Activities and events planned throughout the state

Details: As one part of the week's activities, the OPHA nursing section will be sponsoring the following lunch hour presentation:

Speaker: **Michael Bleich, RN, PhD: IOM "Future of Nursing"**

Date/ Time: April 6, 2011, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Portland State Office Building Conference Room 1E

Planning is also underway for events at the national level. See APHA resources online: <http://www.nphw.org/nphw11/first1.htm>

Epidemiologist's Forum

Date/ time: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 4:00 - 6:00 pm (*Presentation 4:30-5:30pm; Networking 4:00-4:30 & 5:30-6:00pm*)

Location: Portland State Office Building, Rm 1B, 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland

Presenter: Suzanne Zane, DVM, Division of Reproductive Health, CDC

Topic: "Investigations of fatal *Clostridia*-associated toxic shock in women of reproductive age"

This presentation is free and open to the public. Please see the [Epi-Biostat section page](#) for more information.

Advocacy Updates:

2011 Legislative Session: OPHA Policy Priorities

The Oregon Public Health Association (OPHA) Health Policy committee is actively engaged in reviewing and responding to legislation affecting public health in Oregon. Top priorities in 2011 are policies that impact the major contributors to premature death and morbidity in Oregon: tobacco and obesity.

In addition, OPHA is actively supporting policies that seek to impact the social determinants of health including health care access, environmental health, and funding of public health in all of its capacities. Addressing the social determinants of health allows all Oregonians to be healthier. Please check out the [policy committee webpage](#) and watch for action alerts in the weeks & months ahead!

APHA Advocacy Link and Call to

Action: <http://action.apha.org/site/PageNavigator/Advocacy>

The U.S. House of Representatives is set to vote this week on a budget that would drastically cut federal funding levels for the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 for critical public health programs, including those at CDC and HRSA, as well as key programs addressing food safety and environmental protection. House Republican leaders are also expected to allow an amendment to this legislation that would block all funding for implementing the Affordable Care Act. Your urgent action is needed to protect the nation's health! Please visit the APHA Advocacy webpage and follow the links to add your voice to the call to protect funding for public health.

General Announcements:

Join OPHA on Facebook

Oregon Public Health Association now has a [Facebook page](#). Please join, tell your friends, and use it as a resource for sharing items of public health interest.

SAVE THE DATE: 67th OPHA Annual Meeting & Conference

Dates: October 10 - 11, 2011

Location: LaSell-Stewart Center, OSU, Corvallis, Oregon

Details: Planning is underway for OPHA's annual meeting and conference. If you have questions about submitting an abstract for consideration, or would like information on sponsoring the conference, please contact committee chair, [Marie Harvey](#)

New Online Tool: Catalogue of Surveillance Systems

Details: The National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR) announces the launch of a new, free [online resource](#) to help researchers and practitioners more easily investigate childhood obesity in America. NCCOR's Catalogue of Surveillance Systems describes in detail existing surveillance systems that collect data related to childhood obesity. It provides one-stop access to more than 75 surveys and other data sets, allowing users to search and select surveys that provide a wealth of data at the national, state, and local levels on a range of variables, including school policies and health outcomes, as well as eating and exercise behaviors. Health officials at the city and state level also can find data related to their programs. The catalogue is available through the NCCOR website, <http://www.nccor.org/css>

To register for upcoming webinars on the features and uses of the Catalogue, please send an e-mail to css@aed.org.
