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Information Resources

Wisconsin HIV/STD/Hepatitis C Information & Referral Center to Release 4th Edition Resource Directory

The IRC is preparing to release an updated version resource directory of HIV, STD, and hepatitis-related services in Wisconsin. The new directory will include the popular keyword index and an index by county. Print copies of the directory are expected to be available in September 2010, but the entire directory can be accessed online and downloaded directly from our website starting June 1st. Go to our website for more details at www.irc-wisconsin.org. If you are interested in receiving a print copy when they are published, email the IRC with your request, along with your name and mailing address to: irc-wisconsin@arcw.org

14th Annual HIV Drug Guide Available From TPAN

Last month *Positively Aware*, the Journal of Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN), published its annual HIV Drug Guide. This issue presents clear, concise descriptions of HIV medications. The guide offers information on dosage, average prices, potential side effects, and drug interactions. For more information or to read the guide online, please visit their site at: http://positivelyaware.com/2010/10_02/index.shtml or contact the IRC by email at: irc-wisconsin@arcw.org to request a copy. Be sure to include your name, mailing address, and that you want the TPAN Drug Guide.

Hepatitis C Resources from the Hepatitis C Support Project

The following items were recently updated or added to the HCV Advocate website:

New Hepatitis C Videos

http://www.hcvadvocate.org/hepatitis/training_resources.asp#videos

Updated: HCV Guide to Disclosure

http://www.hcvadvocate.org/hepatitis/factsheets_pdf/Disclosure%20Guide_10.pdf

Updated HCV Fact Sheets

<http://www.hcvadvocate.org//hepatitis/factsheets.asp>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Issues New and Updated Resources

Seroprevalence of Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 Among Persons Aged 14-49 Years, United States, 2005-2008

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5915a3.htm>

CDC Analysis of National Herpes Prevalence

<http://www.cdc.gov/STD/Herpes/herpes-NHANES-2010.htm>

Updated: Basic Information about HIV and AIDS

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/basic/index.htm>

Updated: Questions and Answers on HIV and AIDS Basic Information and HIV Transmission

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/qa/index.htm>.

Congenital Syphilis - United States, 2003-2008

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5914a1.htm?s_cid=mm5914a1_e

Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP) Profiles, 2008

<http://www.cdc.gov/STD/gisp2008/default.htm>

For Professionals and Providers

Spring 2010 Issue of Mental Health AIDS Released

The quarterly biopsychosocial research update on HIV and mental health, *mental health AIDS*, is sponsored by the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and is disseminated free of charge through the SAMHSA Web site in both PDF and HTML formats. The Spring 2010 issue features *HIV & Hepatitis C: Coping with Coinfection (Part 1)*. There are an estimated 250,000 people living in the United States with HIV/hepatitis C (HCV) coinfection, yet less than a third of these individuals 'are deemed eligible for HCV treatment, and under 10% actually receive treatment. Without HCV treatment, increasing numbers of HIV-infected patients will die either from end-stage liver disease or from HIV-related complications resulting from the inability to use antiretroviral agents' because of liver damage. This is the first of a two-part series. Part 1 provides a medical, psychiatric, psychosocial, and neuropsychological overview of HIV/HCV coinfection, the process of determining eligibility for HCV treatment, and the important role mental health clinicians play in assessing eligibility and intervening with clients who elect to receive treatment for HCV. To view the Spring 2010 issue visit: <http://mentalhealthaids.samhsa.gov/> or

http://mentalhealthaids.samhsa.gov/PDF/mh_spring10.pdf

New Issue of HRSA's CAREAction Newsletter Examines Workforce Capacity in HIV

A recent issue of the HRSA publication entitled *CAREAction* explores how the health workforce will meet demands for HIV care in the future. To view the latest issue, visit: <http://hab.hrsa.gov/publications/news.htm> or <http://hab.hrsa.gov/publications/april2010.pdf>

Guttmacher Institute State Policies in Brief: Sex and STI/HIV Education

As the level of concern over teenage pregnancy - and later AIDS - increased in the 1970s and 1980s, so did the number of states that had policies requiring or encouraging the teaching of sex education. Most states require that public schools teach some form of sex or STI/HIV education. This brief examines policies in each state. To view the brief, visit: http://www.guttmacher.org/statecenter/spibs/spib_SE.pdf

Updated Perinatal Treatment Guidelines Now Available

AIDSinfo recently released updated perinatal treatment guidelines, *Recommendations for Use of Antiretroviral Drugs in Pregnant HIV-1-Infected Women for Maternal Health and Interventions to Reduce Perinatal HIV Transmission in the United States*.

Key issues and new information discussed in the guidelines include:

- Introduction of rating of recommendations based on strength of recommendation and quality of evidence.
- Update on recent international clinical trials, including trials of prevention of postnatal transmission and drug resistance in infants infected despite infant or maternal antiretroviral prophylaxis of postnatal infection.
- New discussion of the categories and the criteria used for recommendations about use of specific drugs or drug regimens in pregnancy.
- Additional discussion of options for antiretroviral prophylaxis when an HIV/HBV-coinfected pregnant woman does not require antiretroviral therapy for her own health or treatment for hepatitis B disease.
- Discussion of stopping NNRTI-based regimens and strategies to reduce the risk of resistance, including short-term continuation of a NRTI component or switching to a PI prior to discontinuing therapy.
- Updated information on combination antiretroviral drug use and pregnancy outcome and nevirapine hepatic toxicity in pregnancy.
- New information regarding resistance following discontinuation of triple drug prophylaxis after delivery and new information from clinical trials on response to therapy following single-dose nevirapine exposure.
- New references on use of dual NRTI "tail" to reduce risk of nevirapine resistance.
- Reorganization and update of Mode of Delivery section.
- Caution on use of lopinavir-ritonavir (and other boosted PIs) in newborns, particularly preterm infants, due to reports of cardiac toxicity (heart block).
- Discussion of new data on feeding infants pre-masticated food and risk of HIV transmission.

- Contact information for the National Perinatal HIV Hotline.

New information is highlighted in yellow throughout the text and in tables. The updated guidelines and a separate PDF file of all tables can be downloaded from the Perinatal Guidelines section of *AIDSinfo* at

<http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/Guidelines/GuidelineDetail.aspx?MenuItem=Guidelines&Search=Off&GuidelineID=9&ClassID=2> or in PDF format at:
<http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/contentfiles/PerinatalGL.pdf>

Other News

Governor Doyle Signs HIV Medical Home Bill Into Law

Governor Jim Doyle signed Senate Bill 647 into law earlier this month at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) Medical Center. SB 647 directs the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to develop a new monthly care coordination payment for providers of HIV health care currently receiving state grant funds. Under the bill, the state's Medicaid program will then leverage new Federal matching funds for the new payment while not increasing state tax expenditures.

"Because of the commitment of Governor Jim Doyle, State Senator Tim Carpenter, State Representative Jon Richards and many other legislative leaders, ARCW will continue to be able to meet the growing need for access to health care among HIV patients throughout Wisconsin," ARCW Director of Government Relations Bill Keeton said. "The infusion of these new federal Medicaid funds is vital to the future of the ARCW Medical Center which is Wisconsin's largest and fastest-growing provider of HIV health care."

In 2009 the ARCW Medical Center enrolled 251 new HIV medical patients setting a record for new patients. Total medical patients receiving care reached 1,177 patients — another record high number. In addition to its medical clinic, the ARCW Medical Center also provides access to oral health care through the ARCW Dental Clinic and mental health services through the ARCW Behavioral Health and Wellness Clinic. In 2009 the ARCW Dental Clinic provided care to 1,235 HIV patients and the Behavioral Health and Wellness Clinic provided therapy to 328 HIV patients. In total the three clinics of the ARCW Medical Center had 11,961 clinic visits in 2009. ARCW Medical Center patients also have access to on-site social services including food pantries, housing programs, legal services and social work case management.

"The bill recognizes the comprehensive and integrated health and social services that ARCW provides as a medical home for HIV patients," Keeton said. "Research continues to show strong support for medical homes as a highly promising health care delivery system that can improve health outcomes for patients and contain costs."

SB 647 was introduced on March 26, 2010, by Sen. Carpenter, Rep. Richards and more than 30 other bipartisan co-sponsors. Additionally, SB 647 was unanimously recommended for passage by three different legislative committees and was adopted by the State Senate 33-0 and by the State Assembly on a voice vote without objection on April 22, the last day of the 2009-2010 legislative session.

Documentary Film Featuring Local Activist and AIDS Survivor to Air on *The Documentary Channel*

The Documentary Channel® (DOC) presents the exclusive network premiere of Leanne Whitney's riveting and critically acclaimed feature-length documentary, "The Fire Within" on Sunday June 6. The documentary provides both an intense look into the everyday life challenges faced by long-term AIDS survivor Bob Bowers and also chronicles his wife's support and participation in a seven-day, 575-mile AIDS benefit bike ride.

The Documentary Channel is primarily available through satellite television services DISH Network (Channel 197) and DIRECTV (Channel 267). Following the network premiere, encore telecasts of "The Fire Within" are scheduled for June 6, June 23, July 1, July 7 and July 27.

"The Fire Within" follows the life of Bob Bowers, an AIDS survivor diagnosed in 1983 at the age of 20, who was stricken with the disease due to a one-time decision to share a needle. He met Shawn in 1990 and, in spite of his disease, she married him six months later. The film documents Shawn's participation in an AIDS/LifeCycle "Ride To End AIDS" week-long bike ride as she tries, in some measure, to replicate Bob's everyday battles and his everyday victories. Gritty, raw and very real, the documentary is not only a film about AIDS, but about thriving - regardless of your circumstances. The film parallels the struggles and fortitude of two incredibly passionate, inspiring and vibrant souls.

"Leanne Whitney's documentary is a powerful, compelling and inspiring journey of strength, determination and an appreciation for life," says James Ackerman, president and CEO of The Documentary Channel. "The film captures a true-life experience of someone afflicted with HIV/AIDS and provides a remarkable story to help raise awareness."

"I was drawn to tell the story about the courage it takes to stay optimistic when the future looks so uncertain," adds filmmaker Whitney. "This film gives a strong message of prevention and education about what living with HIV/AIDS and the side effects of the medication is like. I hope it will not only educate, but also inspire people around the world to look openly at whatever obstacle they face and to appreciate every day; for life is a gift."

About The Documentary Channel®: The Documentary Channel (DOC) is the USA's first 24-hour television network exclusively devoted to documentary films and the independent documentary filmmaker, providing viewers with round-the-clock opportunities to see fascinating, eclectic and award-winning documentary films of all lengths and genres. For more information on DOC, visit www.documentarychannel.com.

CDC Announces \$31.5 Million Expansion of Successful HIV Testing Initiative

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is committed to increasing people's knowledge of their HIV status and encouraging more Americans to get tested for HIV. Following the success of an initiative in which more than 1.4 million Americans have been tested for HIV, CDC announced today a new three-year expansion of the current program. Over the next three years, funding will increase by approximately \$31.5 million and a total of

\$142.5 million will be awarded to eligible state and local health departments across the country to increase access to testing in health-care and non-health-care settings and prompt early diagnosis of HIV. Beginning today, eligible jurisdictions can apply for the funds, which will be awarded in August for the new phase of the initiative that begins in September.

In addition to African American men and women who were the focus of the original initiative, the new phase will also focus on other disproportionately affected populations: gay and bisexual men of all races, Latino men and women, and injection drug users. This phase of the expanded testing initiative builds on progress and ensures that many more persons will know their HIV status and will use that knowledge to improve their health and, if infected, protect the health of their partners. The funding opportunity announcement is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/funding/PS10-10138/index.htm>

***The Lazarus Effect* Documentary Premieres on HBO**

The Lazarus Effect, a new documentary by Lance Bangs depicting how antiretroviral (ARV) drug treatments have changed the lives of four HIV-positive people living in Africa, premiered Monday May 24 on HBO and will continue to air for the next several weeks.

The film follows four individuals living in Zambia and the profound and life-changing effects ARV treatments have on them, their families and their communities. In short, the film documents their progression from illness to health.

The people featured include: Constance Connie Mudenda, who lost all three of her children to AIDS before treatment was available; 11-year-old orphan Bwalya; Paul Nsangua, a man trying to stay alive for his family; and HIV-positive Concillia Muahau, who was able to deliver an HIV-negative child.

Production of the film, which was executive produced by Spike Jonze and Susan Ellis Smith, was supported by (RED). The film is part of a multimedia campaign to shed light on the impact large-scale AIDS programs have in sub-Saharan Africa and the effects ARV medicines can have on HIV-positive Africans at a cost of only 40 cents a day. To learn more, visit: <http://www.hbo.com/documentaries/the-lazarus-effect/index.html>

Wisconsin's AIDS Ride Still Accepting Registrations

There is still time to donate, register or volunteer for ACT 8 July 29 - August 1, 2010. Visit the ACT 8 website <http://www.actride.org/> for more information.

Follow the IRC on Twitter & Become a Fan of the IRC on Facebook

The Wisconsin HIV/STD/Hepatitis C Information & Referral Center has joined the Social Networking revolution! In an effort to connect with more people we can now be found on a variety of social networking sites (SNS). *Follow us* on Twitter at http://twitter.com/irc_wisconsin and *Become a Fan* of the IRC on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Wisconsin-HIVSTDHepatitis-C-Information-Referral-Center/70558423077?ref=s>

Upcoming Events

National Hepatitis Awareness Month

May is National Hepatitis Awareness Month. To learn more, visit:
<http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HepatitisMonth.htm>.

Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

June 8, 2009

Nationwide Observance

June 8 is Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. HIV/AIDS has devastated the Caribbean, which ranks second only to sub-Saharan Africa for AIDS prevalence. In 2006, the United Nations estimated that 19,000 Caribbeans died of AIDS, and that an additional 250,000 were living with the virus. In 2005, there were a reported 38,133 new HIV diagnoses among Caribbean Americans in the U.S. Sponsored by Caribbean People International Collective, Inc. For more information visit:
<http://www.hhs.gov/aidsawarenessdays/days/caribbeanamerican/>

Community Health Forum: Increased HIV Rates among Men who have Sex with Men: What Women Need to Know

June 17, 2010

Milwaukee, WI

The Black Health Coalition Presents: A Community Health Forum – Increased HIV Rates of Men that Sleep with Men (MSM): What Women Need to Know. The Milwaukee Healthy Beginnings Project (MHBP) cordially invites you to a community health forum. Keynote speaker: Jim Addison, Program Coordinator, HIV Task Force. Mr. Addison will lead the discussion on HIV rates in the City of Milwaukee. This event will take place Thursday June 17, 2010 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center at 3020 W. Vliet St. Milwaukee, WI 53208. Childcare provided and transportation available for MHBP participants. Please RSVP for this event by June 16. Contact Tenille at 414-933-0064 ext. 214 or email: twashington@bhcw.org

National HIV Testing Day

June 27, 2010

Nationwide Observance

The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) started National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) in 1995. Every year, on June 27th, local organizations across the nation engage with communities to promote early diagnosis and HIV-testing. During NHTD, NAPWA works with its partners, which include thousands of community-based organizations, businesses, health departments, elected officials, media, and individuals to encourage routine HIV-testing and to promote culturally-appropriate messages for those affected by and living with HIV/AIDS. Sponsored by the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA). For more information visit:
<http://www.aids.gov/awareness-days/#event-details> or
<http://www.hhs.gov/aidsawarenessdays/days/testing/index.html>

SYNChronicity: SYNC 2010

August 7-9, 2010

Washington, DC

SYNC 2010 is a meeting connecting primary care providers to national HIV thought leaders, new technologies, and resources to expand their HIV practice.

SYNChronicity is also a forum for HIV care providers to interact with those in primary care to coordinate efforts developing HIV medical or health care and homes. Primary care providers will learn strategies to care for, treat, and support people living with HIV; as well as learn ways to manage the multiple healthcare needs of medically underserved populations.

Sponsored by: HealthHIV. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Registration Fees: \$100 by June 15, 2010; and \$175 on site. Continuing education credits are available. For information visit: <http://www.healthhiv.org>

2010 Ryan White Grantee Meeting & 13th Annual Clinical Conference: 20 Years of Leadership; A Legacy of Care

August 23-26, 2010

Washington, DC

The conference will focus on identifying strategies that have been developed over the past 20 years of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program to improve systems of HIV/AIDS care and increase grantee knowledge of program and fiscal requirements under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. Over 2,500 grantee representatives are expected to attend, including direct care providers, program/fiscal administrators, members of planning councils or board members, consumers, and Federal staff. This year's theme, Twenty Years of Leadership - A Legacy of Care, recognizes the leadership, dedication, and effort that has gone into implementing the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program since its inception in 1990. We have seen much change over the past 20 years, but there has been one constant; the work we do has a tremendous impact on the lives of over half a million people each year due to the creativity and adaptability of the Ryan White Community. Sponsored by the Health Resources and Services Administration, HIV/AIDS Bureau. There is no registration fee to attend the conference but registration is required. Registration deadline for the 2010 Grantee Meeting is July 14, 2010. Registration deadline for the Clinical Conference is August 2, 2010. For more registration information, visit: <http://www.ryanwhite2010.com/Registration.aspx> For more information about the meeting and conference, visit: <http://www.ryanwhite2010.com/Home.aspx>

2010 United States Conference on AIDS

September 12-15, 2010

Orlando, FL

The United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) is the largest AIDS-related gathering in the U.S., bringing together over 3,000 workers from all fronts of the HIV/AIDS epidemic—from case managers and physicians, to public health workers and advocates, people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs) to policymakers—to build national support networks, exchange the latest information, and learn cutting-edge tools to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS. USCA's mission is to increase the strength and diversity of the community-based response to the AIDS epidemic through education, training, new partnerships, collaboration, and networking. Sponsored by the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC). For more information visit: <http://www.2010USCA.org>

8th National Harm Reduction Conference: Harm Reduction Beyond Borders

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The National Harm Reduction Conference is one of the few multidisciplinary conferences in the United States focusing on the health of individuals and communities impacted by drug use. The purpose of the conference is to inspire and explore new perspectives on incorporating harm reduction into direct services, public policy, and individual lives. Sponsored by the Harm Reduction Coalition. For more information visit: <http://www.8thnationalharmreductionconference.com/>

Select Wisconsin Resources

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin

www.arcw.org

The Wisconsin HIV/STD/Hepatitis C Information & Referral Center

www.irc-wisconsin.org

AIDS Network

www.aidsnetwork.org

HIVictorious

www.hivictorious.org

The Wisconsin Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (WANAC)

www.wanac.org

Wisconsin Local Public Health Department Listing

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/localhealth/index.htm>

The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aids-hiv/>

The Wisconsin Hepatitis C Program

<http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/hepatitis/>

The Wisconsin HIV Community Planning Network

<http://www.wihiv.wisc.edu/communityplanning/>

The Wisconsin STD Program

<http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/STD/>

The Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Training System

<http://www.wihiv.wisc.edu/trainingsystem/>

The Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Training System provides HIV/AIDS prevention and care training, networking, and support.

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