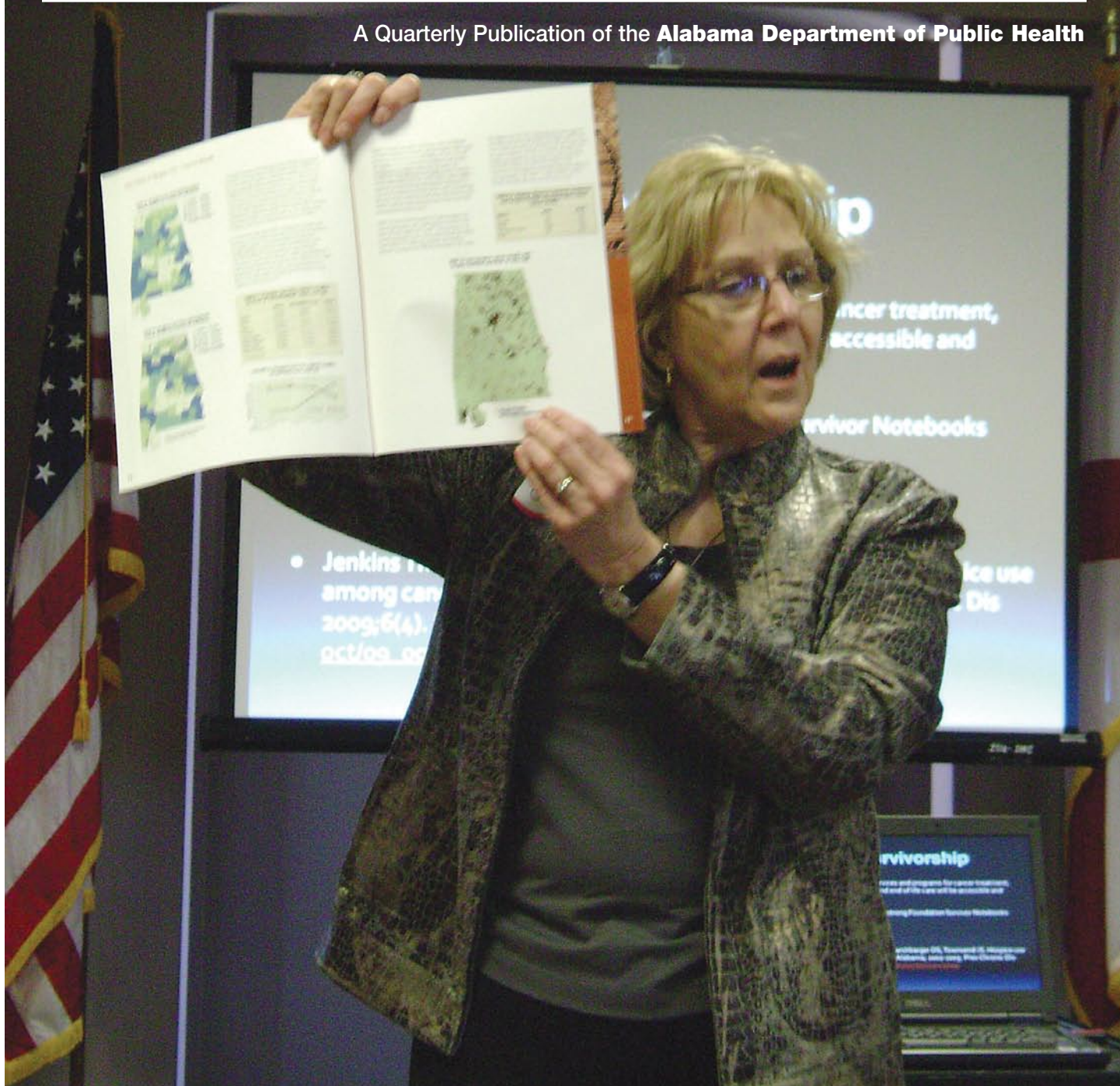


Minority Health

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Calendar of Events



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*"If you talk to a man in a
language he understands
that goes to his head. If you
talk to him in his language
that goes to his heart."*

Nelson Mandela

APRIL EVENTS

April is Minority Health Month

Alabama Public Health Association 2010 Conference

ALPHA will hold its 54th Annual Conference from April 8-9, 2010, at Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel & Conference Center at Grand National, 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail, Opelika, AL. The opening keynote speaker, Dan Burden, The Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, Inc., is an internationally-recognized authority on bicycle and pedestrian-friendly urban design. This year's theme is "Building a Healthier America: *One Community at a Time*." Additional topics include: the toll of tobacco, stress management, grant sustainability, health care reform, HIV, health disparities, immunization, psychological first aid, and effective communication and the Strategic Alliance for Health Program. The conference close will feature the renowned football sports inspirational speaker, Jeremiah Castille. For agenda and registration, visit the ALPHA website at: www.alphassoc.org; or contact Michele Jones by phone: 334-206-5226, by fax: 334-206-5663, or by email to: michele.jones@adph.state.al.us.

2010 UAB Comprehensive Nursing Conference

Register now for UAB's upcoming Comprehensive Nursing Conference being held from April 8-9, 2010 at The Wynfrey Hotel, 1000 Riverchase Galleria, in Birmingham, AL. Earn up to 12.8 contact hours for a two-day registration. Download the brochure at: <http://nursing.ad.uab.edu/38750/>. Complete a registration and send to: Attn: Bernadette Langford or Angela Wheeler, UAB Hospital Medical Nursing/CE Offering, Medical Education Building - Suite 508, 1813 6th Avenue So, Birmingham, Alabama 35249-6908. Send a fax to: 205-975-6802, or for questions, call 205-934-5227.

Continuing Education Conference in Obstetrics and Gynecology

The University of South Alabama's Obstetrics and Gynecology Department will hold its' annual conference from April 8-9, 2010, at Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, AL 36602. For online registration, visit: www.usa-cme.com, send the registration by fax to: 251-414-8081, or by email to Sharrie.Cranford@usouthal.edu; or for more information, call: 251-414-8080 or 251-415-1571.

Cultural Competence in Our Diverse Society: Practicing Within an Environment of Changing Demographics

On April 9, 2010, at the School of Nursing Research Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing will hold the 2nd Annual Cultural Competency Faculty Institute. The Institute is designed for faculty and professionals involved in nursing and health science education, and the sessions will benefit faculty who teach and work with diverse student and patient populations. Visit the website for registration, www.uab.edu/son; or call the UAB School of Nursing Office of Enrichment for Academic Nursing Success, 205-934-5727.

5th Annual "Bite the Tail off Cancer" Crawfish Boil



The Jr. Executive Board of American Cancer Society will hold an Annual Crawfish Boil on Saturday, April 10, 2010, 11:00-3:30, at Riverwalk

Amphitheatre, in Montgomery, AL. Proceeds will benefit The American Cancer Society. Tickets are good for one entry into the event, and for one person eating crawfish. For more information, call 334-612-8166, or send an email to: jebmontgomery@gmail.com.

Alabama Health Disparities in Minorities Satellite and Webcast Program Series

In October 2009, the Alabama Department of Public Health – Office of Minority Health launched a series of town hall style satellite conferences to educate the community about health disparities in Alabama. These conferences aim to increase awareness on six areas: cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, sexually transmitted diseases, infant mortality, and mental health. Information is provided on how these six disparities impact Alabama’s underserved minority populations: African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indians.

The program purpose is to provide general information on each disparity, the risk factors, statistical data and trends throughout the state, community initiatives to address the disparities, medical screenings, and health care / treatment services. Target audience is: Nurses, social workers, nutritionists, health care providers, school educators and

Date	Facility/City	ADPH	Area
04/21/2010	Von Braun Center 700 Monroe St., Huntsville, Alabama 35801	Huntsville	Area 2
04/28/2010	Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center One South Water St., Mobile, AL 36602	Mobile	Area 11
05/06/2010	Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center 201 Tallapoosa St., Montgomery, Alabama 36104	Montgomery	Area 8

The Office of Minority Health would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the presenters who have participated in the satellite conferences and web casts. To find out more about the free satellite and webcast conference, go to the Alabama Public Health Training Network at www.adph.org/alphnt/ and click on “Satellite Conference and Webcast Schedule.” For program information, contact Elana Parker by phone, 334-206-7980; or by email, elana.parker@adph.state.al.us.

To find out more about the free satellite and webcast conference, go to the Alabama Public Health Training Network at www.adph.org/alphnt/ and click on “Satellite Conference and Webcast Schedule” to view program information. The Office of Minority Health and ADPH Health Disparities Advisory Council extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the presenters who have participated in the prior programs, and to those who will be speaking in the upcoming programs. For program information, contact Elana Parker by phone, 334-206-7980; or by email, elana.parker@adph.state.al.us.

2010 Huntsville Heart Ball

The Heart Ball of Huntsville, an elegant celebration of life, with proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m., at The Westin Huntsville, 6800 Governors Drive West NW, Huntsville, AL. For more information, contact Jerica Wood, 256-648-6670, or by email, jerica.wood@heart.org.

Scale Back Alabama Ends April 10-16

The fourth annual Scale Back Alabama public education campaign will end the week of April 10-16. A drawing will be held on April 28, for those participants who complete the ten week contest and lose at least ten pounds (an average of one pound per week). For more information on the Scale Back Alabama program, visit www.scalebackalabama.com.

Empowering Communities to Raise Productive...

Hope for Families and Community Services,

Inc. will present *Empowering Communities to Raise Productive Children of African American and Hispanic Descent*, on April 16, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Kellogg Conference Center, Tuskegee University, in Tuskegee, AL. The guest speaker is Alabama Attorney General Troy King. Contact hope4families@aol.com, or call 334-318-5108, for information.

Career Opportunities in Biomedical Sciences and Health Professions

The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health will host the 24th Annual Symposium on Career Opportunities in Biomedical Sciences and Health Professions from April 16-17, at the Sheraton Birmingham, Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex at 2100 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N, Birmingham, AL 35203. The event focus is on students who have demonstrated an interest in furthering their education in the biomedical sciences or other health related profession careers, is sponsored by the Association of Minority Health

Professions Schools. The student application form is available at: www.minorityhealth.org. A \$30 application processing fee is required. For information, contact Dr. Cheryl Davis, 334-724-4178, or send an email, davis@tuskegee.edu. For students coming from Alabama, student applications should be sent to: Dr. Cheryl Davis, AMHPS Liaison Tuskegee University, Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health, 301 Patterson Hall, Tuskegee, AL 36088.

9th Annual Walk of Life 2010 (5 K Run /Walk & Kid’s Dashes)

The Walk of Life is the major fundraiser for the Joy to Life Foundation, and is intended to raise awareness and dollars to continue providing free mammograms for medically underserved women less than 50 years of age in 28 counties in Alabama. Register on-line, www.joytolife.org, or pick up a WALK application at: CVS, Chappy’s Deli and Winn Dixie. For information, call: 334.284.LIFE (5433), or by email at: info@joytolife.org.

3rd Annual Diabetes Youth River Region Fishing Event

The Diabetes Youth River Region Committee will hold the Third Annual Youth BASSMASTER® "Catch & Release" fishing event for children and youth having diabetes on Sunday, April 18, 2010, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. at Gateway Park, 3800 Davenport Pkwy- Shelter #2 (by the ball field), Montgomery, Alabama 36105. To register, call Donna at: 205-402-0415, or send an email to: info@southeasterndiabetes.org. Registration is \$10.00/immediate family* and \$5.00 fee per additional persons. Advance registration by April 2, 2010 is appreciated. Be sure to bring a rod/reel, if you have one, and if you do not, Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries will be lending rod/reels for use at this event.** This event is presented by: Southeastern Diabetes Education Services (SDES), who partners with: Alabama Diabetes Program and the Office of Minority Health, State of Alabama Department of Public Health; and the event host is: Central Alabama Bassmasters® (CAB). Sponsors include: Filet & Vine, RealTree, Alabama Wildlife and Fisheries, and the City of Montgomery.

**Immediate family includes: parent(s), siblings who live in the same household as the child living with diabetes. **Youth 16 and older require a State of Alabama fishing license.*

FACES '10 Elizabeth A. Morris Clinical Education Sessions

Alabama State Nurses Association will hold Elizabeth Morris Clinical Education Sessions on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, from 7:15-8:00 a.m., at Eastmont Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL. Visit: <http://www.alabamannurses.org/>, for a registration form, go to: <http://www.alabamannurses.org/associations/9886/files/faces09brochure.pdf>; or fax a form to: 334-262-8578. ASNA is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Priester National Extension Health Conference

This annual health conference will take place April 20-22, 2010 at the Marriott Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel, 64 S Water St, in Mobile, AL. The conference theme, "Healthy People, Healthy Communities: *Reducing Health Disparities*" celebrates the Cooperative Extension's long history of involvement in promoting health and preventing disease across the life span. Go online for details and registration is <http://www.aces.edu/pries->

[ter/RegistrationInformation.php](http://www.aces.edu/pries-ter/RegistrationInformation.php); contact Patti Golden, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University, AL at: goldepa@auburn.edu, by phone at: 334-844-3683, or fax a registration form to: 334-844-9022.

2010 Public Health Volunteer Symposia

The Role of an Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) *Volunteer in Disaster* conferences, being held by ADPH Center for Emergency Preparedness, will be held in April and May (see schedule below). These symposia will address the need for responding volunteers to be familiar with their role as an ADPH Volunteer. Topics will be presented as well as an overview of some of the emergency response assets of ADPH.

Conference presentations will focus on:

- The Role of a Nurse in a Disaster
- The Role of a Pharmacist in a Disaster
- The Role of a Social Worker in a Disaster
- The Role of an Amateur Radio Operator in a Disaster
- Showcase of ADPH Emergency Response Assets

For online registration, go to: <http://www.adph.org/Extranet/default.asp?action=courseListing&ValDate=ValDate&SearchText=Volunteer+Symposia&submit.x=42&submit.y=8>

Annual Commemoration Celebration of the Presidential Apology for the USPHS Syphilis Study

The Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care will hold its Annual Commemoration Celebration of the Presidential Apology for the USPHS Syphilis Study on April 22-23, 2010. Call Beverly A. Ebo at 334-725-2319 or go to www.tuskegee.edu for information.

Women's Health 5K Run & 1 Mile Mother-Daughter Walk



April 24, 2010, is the date for the second annual Women's Health 5K Run & 1 Mile Mother-Daughter Walk will take place during the ONB Magic City Art Connection at Linn Park, 710 20th Street, Birmingham, AL. It is anticipated that this event will increase the awareness of women's health issues in Alabama, and will also highlight

the resources available for better health and wellness for Alabama women. Register online at: www.active.com, and for more details, contact Jessica Hardy or Dechelle Merritt at: 334-206-5669, by email to: dechelle.merritt@adph.state.al.us; or visit the website at: www.adph.org/owh. Children, ages 5 and under get free admission. Advance packet pick-up is April 22-23 at St. Vincent's Health System at the 119 location.

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Baldwin Heart Ball

The Heart Ball of Baldwin is held to celebrate life, with proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association, and Mobile will hold this event on Saturday, April 24, 2010, from 6:00-10:00 p.m., at The Magnolia Hotel, 119 McKenzie, in Foley, AL. For more information please contact: Patricia Finkbohner, patricia.finkbohner@heart.org, or by phone, 251-461-4007.

7th Annual Conference to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy's 7th Annual Conference to Prevent Teen Pregnancy will be held on April 26-27, at the Bradley Lecture Center, Children's Hospital, in Birmingham, AL. Conference participants will learn about Positive Youth Development (PYD). Access a registration form at www.acptp.org. Registration deadline is April 16. For information, call 334-265-8004.

Dining Out for Life

Thursday, April 29 is the debut of AIDS Alabama's Dining Out for Life to raise critically needed funds to support low-income Alabama citizens living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Restaurants in Birmingham have signed-on to participate and donate at least 25% of the day's proceeds; and diners enjoy a delicious meal out for a good cause. Want to get involved? Talk to Mary Anne Colvin at 205-324-9822, send an email to Maryanne@aidsalabama.org; or see the website, www.aidsalabama.org.

Learning to Love MySpace: Web 2.0 as a Healthy Youth Development Strategy

April 30th on Alabama Public Health Television Network, www.adph.org/alphntn/. Target Audience: All members of the youth-serving community, health risk specialists (teen pregnancy prevention, alcohol, tobacco, violence, etc.), youth development and after school programming practitioners, advocates, educators, volunteers, researchers, medical practitioners, parents, policy makers, civic leaders, public health/education/social services professionals. To find out more about the free satellite and webcast, go to the Alabama Public Health Training Network at www.adph.org/alphntn/, and click on "Satellite Conference and Webcast Schedule" to view program information.

MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe POW WOW

The MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe will hold its' annual POW WOW from April 30 to May 2, 2010, with gates open 9:00 a.m. (Fri-Sat) and 10:30 a.m. (Sun), at Coffee County Farm Center, 954 County Road 156, New Brockton, AL 36351; and another address is: 14844 AL Hwy167 [corner of Co Rd 156 and 167], Enterprise, AL). Adults and children, age 6 and over, \$3.00 per day (children under age 5, free). Contact: Nancy Carnley, Vice-Chief, 334-565-3207, or by email, machis@centurytel.net, for more information. The activities consist of Indian dancing, arts and crafts, veteran's ceremony, artifacts, and more. The host hotel is Days Inn Enterprise, 334-393-3297.

MAY EVENTS

2010 Mobile Heart Ball

Come kick up your heels at the Mobile Heart Ball, on May 6, 2010, from 6:00-10:00 p.m., at The Battle House, 26 North Royal Street, in Mobile, AL. The Heart Ball represents an ideal venue for corporate, medical and philanthropic sponsors to support the educational vital programs and research funding of the American Heart Association while obtaining corporate goodwill and visibility among community leaders. Visit the website to get involved and find out more at: <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3070479>. For details, contact: Patricia Finkbohner, 251-461-4007, or by email to: patricia.finkbohner@heart.org.

UAB 3rd Annual Aging Policy Conference

The 3rd Annual UAB Aging Policy Conference will be held on May 6, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Hill University Center (Great Hall), 1400 University Blvd, in Birmingham, AL. The theme is "Long-Term Care: Challenges and Choices for Older Adults," and there is no cost for registration. However, please register by May 1st as seating will be limited to 100 people. Register online at: <http://forms.aging.uab.edu/hwc>, fax registration forms to: 205-975-5870; or contact Janet L. McCoy, MPA, by email to: jlmccoy@uab.edu, by phone at: 205-975-9622, or, by mail to: 1530 3rd Avenue South - CH19 / Room 218A, Birmingham, AL 35294-2041.

2010 Arthritis Walk – Let's Move Together® and Walk

Montgomery Zoo and The Arthritis Walk® will take place on Friday, May 7, 2010, at 2301 Coliseum Park Drive. The Arthritis Foundation's annual nationwide event will raise awareness and funds to fight arthritis, the nation's most common cause of disability. Register for the 2010 Arthritis Walk, and become a part of *Let's Move Together®*, a nationwide movement that encourages people to move, in order to help prevent or to treat arthritis. Register online at: <http://2010arthritiswalkmontgomery.kintera.org>.

National Women's Health Week

National Women's Health Week is being observed from May 9-15, 2010, and the Office of Women's Health, Alabama Department of Public Health, will begin its' kick-off for the observance, with the second annual

✓ 2010 Birmingham Go Red Luncheon

The Birmingham chapter of American Heart Association will hold its' Annual *Go Red* luncheon on Friday, May 7, 2010. This luncheon will include women's health education, a heart-healthy lunch and much more. For location and more information, contact: Melanie Williams at melanie.williams@heart.org, or by phone at 205-510-1500.

✓ National Women's Checkup Day, May 10, 2010

The eight-week *Women and Girls out Moving across the Nation (WOMAN) Challenge*, an online physical activity program, runs from May 9-15, 2010. National Women's Health Week empowers women to make their health a top priority. With the theme "*It's Your Time*," the nationwide initiative encourages women to take simple steps for a longer, healthier, and happier life.

Participation is free, and free promotional and educational materials will be available at www.womenhealth.gov/whw.

✓ Female Healthcare Professionals Wellness Workshop

North Alabama Medical Reserve Corps will be co-sponsoring the Female Healthcare Professionals Wellness Workshop with the Madison County Medical Society on May 11, 2010, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 (noon) p.m. at the Jackson Center, Huntsville, AL. The 2010 Female Healthcare Professionals Wellness Workshop will target a broad range of female healthcare professionals, including physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, social workers, dentists, pharmacists, and other ancillary healthcare professionals. The Female Healthcare Professionals Wellness Workshop will have presentations incorporating the following self-care topics. Contact Ashley Hays at 256-881-7321, or ashleymcm@bellsouth.net, for information.

✓ Sisterbration 6th Annual Girls Night Out

AIDS Alabama, in partnership with Sisterbration, will hold its' Sixth Annual Girls Night Out on Saturday, June 26, 2010 from 7:00 -11:00 pm at the Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center, 1200 10th Ave. S., Birmingham, Alabama 35294. The event will target girls and women from ages 8 to 80. This year's event will include the Pocketbook Monologues. For more information, please contact Reashanda White, AIDS Alabama at 205-324-9822, or visit www.sisterbration.com.

Cardiovascular Health Advisory Council Meeting

On May 11, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the CVH Advisory Council will hold a meeting at the Botanical Gardens, 2127 Lane Park Road, in Birmingham, AL. For information, call: cassandra.hawthorne@adph.state.al.us, by phone at: 334-206-2688, or by fax to: 334-206-5609.

Regions Charity Classic / Birdies for Charity

May 12-16, 2010-are the dates scheduled for the Regions Charity Classic/Birdies for Charity; and these events are being held at Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Ross Bridge, in Hoover, Alabama. Participating charities receive every single penny of the donations generated! For more information, visit the website at <http://www.pgatour.com/tournaments/s564/charity.html>.

Alabama Council of Community Mental Health Boards Annual Conference

Alabama Council of Community Mental Health Boards invites your organization to participate in the 36th Annual Statewide Training Conference and Tradeshow. The 2010 Conference will be held from May 12-13, 2010, in the East Meeting Rooms of the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center in Birmingham, Alabama. The invited keynote Speaker is the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Regina Benjamin. Mail a registration form and payment to: Alabama Council of Community Mental Health Boards 160 Yeager Parkway - Suite 103, Pelham, AL 35124. By phone at: 205-664-2114, by fax to: 205-278-5380, or download a form online at: www.alcouncil.com. For exhibit information, contact: contact Diane Dill, Event Planner, at 205-664-2114 or by email at accmhba@aol.com.

National Employee Health & Fitness Day Walk

National Employee Health & Fitness Day Walk at the State Capital will be held on Friday, May 14, 2010, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The Avenue of Flags (circular) drive will be open from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. for Exhibitor set-up no later than 11:00, and with breakdown after 1:15 p.m. Participants can register on-line for the walk at: http://www.alagames.com/index.php?page=info_lua. For more information, contact Laurie.Eldridge-Auffant@adph.state.al.us, or fax a registration form to: 334-206-5173. Sponsors are: Alabama Department of Public Health and Alabama Sports Festival and the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness.

Dining with Friends 2010 - North Alabama

Join the AIDS Action Coalition and party hosts for

a Dessert Reception and Auction on Saturday, May 15, from 9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight) at Davidson Center at the US Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL. Contact Katy Norton, 256-388-9376, send an email, knorton@aidsactioncoalition.org for event updates; or see the website, www.aidsactioncoalition.org.

AARP University

On May 20, 2010, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., AARP will hold its University meeting at the Opelika Aquatic Center. The program is for people ages 50 and over, and will entail information on how-to age successfully. For more information contact Deidra Lemons, Associate State Director and Manager of the *Community Outreach & Health Action Now* Campaigns, AARP Alabama Office, 201 Monroe Street - Suite 1880, Montgomery, AL 36104. Contact Deidra by phone, 334-954-3061, by fax, 334-954-3050, or by email, dlemons@aarp.org. See details at the website, www.aarp.org/al.

JUNE EVENTS

Diabetes Children & Youth Summer Programs

Southeastern Diabetes Education Services (SDES) announces summer programs for children and youth (and Family Retreats or Weekends) with diabetes being held during the months of May and June at Camp ASCCA, Camp Grace (Mobile), Camp Seale Harris and for Camp Sugar Falls (Birmingham, Dothan, and Mobile). To find out more, contact Donna or Terry at 205-402-0415, send registration by fax to: 205-402-0416, email to: info@southeasterndiabetes.org, visit the website and for registration at: www.southeasterndiabetes.org; or mail the completed

registration form to: SDES, 500 Chase Park South, Suite 104, Hoover, AL 35244.

- **Camp Seale Harris – Summer Family Camp**
June 1-4
- **Camp Seale Harris Senior Camp**
June 6-12
- **Camp Seale Harris Junior Camp**
June 13-18
- **Camp Sugar Falls/Dothan**
June 22-25
- **Camp Sugar Falls/Birmingham**
July 6-9
- **Camp Sugar Falls/Mobile**
July 26-28

Alabama Environmental Health Association's Annual Education Conference & Indoor Air Quality Workshop

The Annual Education Conference & the Indoor Air Quality Workshop will be held at Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa, in Birmingham, Alabama, from June 2-4, 2010. This workshop will provide continuing education to enhance skills while promoting high standards and cooperation among government, industry and academia on environmentally related areas. The conference allows environmental health professionals to gain knowledge about a wide range of environmentally related topics. The setting also promotes camaraderie and the sharing of ideas and experiences among professionals throughout Alabama. For registration, call Ms. Trina Griffin or send registration to: Bureau of Environmental Services - Suite 1250, 201 Monroe Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3017. Go to the website for details, www.AEHA-online.com.

Opportunities & Funding

Alabama State Loan Repayment Program

The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health is seeking applicants for a new Alabama State Loan Repayment Program which will assist more than 20 qualified healthcare professionals in exchange for two years of service in a health professional shortage area. Visit the Primary Care and Rural Health website for eligibility and more information at: <http://www.adph.org/ruralhealth>, and click on the left navigation "State Loan Repayment" link; or call 334-206-5396.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

Through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress created the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to encourage individuals to enter and continue to work full-time in public service jobs. Under this program, borrowers may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance due on their eligible federal student loans after they have made 120 payments on those loans under certain repayment plans while employed full time by certain public

service employers. Since borrowers must make 120 monthly payments on their eligible federal student loans beginning after October 1, 2007 before they qualify for the loan forgiveness, the first cancellations of loan balances will not be granted until October 2017. Visit the Federal Student Aid (an office of the U.S. Department of Education) website for additional information at: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/LoanForgivenessv4.pdf>.

National Conferences 2010

2010 Blueprints Conference

Blueprints for Violence Prevention Initiative at the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at University of Colorado, Boulder, will hold a 2010 Blueprints Conference from April 7-9, in San Antonio, TX. For details, contact Sharon Mihalic, 303-492-2137 or by email, Sharon.mihalic@colorado.edu. For details, see the website, www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints/index.html.

US Conference on African Immigrant Health

Beginning on April 7-11, at Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center in Atlanta, GA, is the conference being organized by Alliance for Health in African Diaspora, Inc. (AHADI) This event will bring together community leaders and members, health scientists, public health workers, advocates and providers to chart a purposeful course for addressing health prevention, education, care, and treatment among African immigrant communities and minorities in the US. Check the federal Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC) website for questions. Registration is available, www.afhadi.org/USCAIH_info.htm, or call 800.444.6472, for more information.

Fourth Annual Health Disparities Conference

The Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy will hold its' 4th Annual Health Disparities Conference, entitled, 'Strength in Diversity,' from April 23-25, 2010, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana. The main purpose of the conference is to provide learning sessions, review and develop skills, techniques and approaches, which influence the outcomes through interdisciplinary comprehensive healthcare provider models. The conference will offer continuing education (CE/CEUs for pharmacist, nurses, etc.) and continuing medical education (CME) credits. For additional information, go to the website, <http://www.xaviersnpha.org/>.

Mental Health America's 2010 Annual Conference

Mental Health America is holding June 9-12 in Washington, D.C. at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. This year's theme, "Get Connected: Social Inclusion in Wellness and Recovery," will explore the importance of meaningful social roles and connections in maintaining health and achieving recovery.

Scholarship deadline: April 2, 2010. For scholarship questions, call Jackee Williams, CMP, Senior Conference Manager, at 301-957-3040, ext. 263. For conference questions email Danielle Fritze, dfritze@mentalhealthamerica.net. For online registration go to: <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/conference2010/register/>, mail a registration form to: Attn: Danielle Fritze, 2010 Conference Registration, Mental Health America, 2000 N. Beauregard Street - 6th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22311; or send a form by fax, 703-684-5968. The Early Bird registration deadline is May 2, 2010.

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27th Annual Summer Series on Aging

The University of Kentucky Summer Series on Aging Annual Conference will take place from June 21-23, 2010, at Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and SPA, Lexington, Kentucky. The Keynote is presenter, Mary D. Naylor, PhD, RN, FAAN, who will address, "Transitional Care: An Innovative Care Delivery Model for Older Adults." For more information, contact: Barbara J. Helm, Conference Coordinator by email to: bjhelm2@email.uky.edu, or by phone at: 859-257-8301. For registration, contact Melissa Tuttle, Conference Registrar, at 859-257-5179, or by email to: melissa.tuttle@uky.edu. Details are on the website at: <http://www.mc.uky.edu/aging/summerseries/summerseries.htm>.

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HIV/AIDS Prevention Bilingual Glossary

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Information Corner

SISTAs Can Survive Coalition Support Group

The group meets every fourth Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in a confidential setting The Support Group provides cancer education, control and support services to breast, cervical and prostate cancer patients. Meetings are held to address the issues faced by cancer survivors living with, through, and beyond cancer to promote health, wellness and quality survivorship. Each month features a cancer-related topic or issue and an opportunity for survivors and their families to address survivor-related concerns, or to listen. For more information, call: 334-430-1070, or send an email to: s1stas1@hotmail.com.

POW WOW Information - Alabama Indian Affairs Commission

For updated information on Alabama Indian POW WOW events, visit the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission web site, www.aiac.alabama.gov, and open the section entitled, "Special Events" to get a list of the POW WOW locations, dates and host tribe.

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Announcements

Bill Signed Into Law Marks Victory For Sexual Health

On Sunday, December 13, the United States Senate passed its package of FY 2010 Omnibus Appropriations bills, including the Labor HHS appropriations bill, which contains funding for a new teen pregnancy prevention initiative. This appropriations "catch-all" bill contains all of the remaining FY 2010 spending bills with the exception of Defense. The Omnibus Appropriations Bill marked two significant victories impacting the sexual health of young people.

First, Congress and the Obama Administration removed all direct funding (\$99.5 M) for the ideological-based and harmful Community-Based Abstinence Education program and in its place provided \$114.5 million for more comprehensive, evidence-based teenage pregnancy prevention. This is a great first step and a sea change from the Bush Administration. However, we know that young people are not just facing problems related to unintended pregnancy, but also HIV and other STIs, and that's why it is important that these funds also be used for comprehensive sex education programs that

can address a number of sexual health needs. Second, Congress placed this sexual health initiative in the newly established Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) under the Secretary of Health and Human Services. This is a major step forward in ensuring that the sexual and reproductive health of young people will be monitored by public health professionals rather than ideologues as in the past. According to the conference summary, "the conferees intend that the Office of Adolescent Health shall coordinate its efforts with the Administration for Children and Families, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other appropriate HHS offices and operating divisions."

President Obama signed these bills into Law, Title 42, Chapter 6A, Subchapter XV, § 300u-7. Office of Adolescent Health. This new Office of Adolescent Health will integrate and coordinate a broad array of adolescent health issues, including wellness, substance abuse, mental health, obesity, etc. This holistic approach is welcomed since it treats young people as human beings rather than as a set of independent, isolated "risk factors." Advocates for Youth, <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/>.

2010 NATIONAL HEALTH OBSERVANCES

APRIL

- Alcohol Awareness Month
- Counseling Awareness Month
- Environmental Health Month
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome Awareness Month
- National Autism Awareness Month
- National Cancer Control Month
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- National Donate Life Month
- National Healthy Kids Day (17)
- National Infant Immunization Week (4/19-4/26)
- **National Minority Health Awareness Month**
- National Occupational Therapy Month
- National Parkinson's Awareness Month
- National Public Health Month (April 5-11 is National Public Health Week)
- National STD Awareness Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April 20 is Day of Action)
- Women's Eye Health and Safety Month
- World Health Day (7)

MAY

- Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month
- Better Hearing and Speech Month
- Clean Air Month
- Healthy Vision Month
- Hepatitis Awareness Month
- HIV Vaccine Awareness Day (18)
- Lupus Awareness Month
- Lyme Disease Awareness Month
- Mental Health Month
- National American Stroke Month
- National Arthritis Awareness Month
- National Digestive Diseases Awareness Month
- National Employee Health and Fitness Day (19)
- National High Blood Pressure Month
- National Stroke Awareness Month
- National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection & Prevention Month (May 3 is Melanoma Monday)
- National Mental Health Month
- National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
- National Osteoporosis Prevention Month
- National Teen Pregnancy

Prevention Month

- National Women's Check-up Day (10)
- Older Americans Month (May 23-29 is Older American's Health Week)
- Oncology Nurses Month
- Sex Differences in Health Awareness Day
- Women's Health Care Month (May 9-15 is National Women's Health Week)
- World No Tobacco Day (31)

JUNE

- Eye Safety Awareness Week (June 27-July 5)
- HIV Testing Month
- Home Safety Month
- National Aphasia Awareness Month
- National Cancer Survivors Day (6)
- National Men's Health Week (14-22)
- National Safety Month
- National Scoliosis Awareness Month
- Sun Safety Week (6-12)
- Vision Research Month