OCHE Intern to Implement Program on Interpersonal Violence and Bullying Prevention

In May 2010, local officials in Lawrence County, Indiana notified state health officials and researchers at Indiana University (IU) that their rural community had experienced an apparent increase in domestic violence (DV) and DV-related homicides. The IU Office of Community Health Engagement (OCHE) was asked to assist in the investigation to explore potential circumstances contributing to DV and recommend preventive measures. OCHE provided preliminary and ongoing data collection efforts and continue to serve as liaisons between the community and IU researchers.

The CDC identified contributing factors impacting the DV burden in the Lawrence County community. They held a town meeting to explain their findings and made several recommendations across the different sectors of the community – Law Enforcement/Probation, Health Care, Schools, and the Community At Large. Since that time, the community has been hard at work, devising strategies for addressing the domestic violence problem affecting so many people in their community.

The Office of Community Health Engagement has devoted the assistance of a Master of Public Health student intern, Laura Colman, in addressing one of the goals in the School sector of the community by implementing an evidenced-based interpersonal violence and bully-prevention program in a local elementary school.

The Stalker Elementary School pilot program in interpersonal violence and bullying prevention is being created and implemented as a part of the Bedford initiatives to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence in the community. With the implementation of the program beginning in February, this evidence-based programming is being reviewed and created by Laura Colman in accordance with the recommendations and strategies provided by the National Health Education Standards (NHES). Laura is continually seeking guidance from school officials and teachers to ensure that programming material is effective and age-appropriate.

Presented to one classroom of 4th grade students at Stalker Elementary School, this six session program will be comprised of six different core concepts vital to an effective violence-prevention curriculum.

The students will participate in educational lessons, followed by activities that promote skill building and healthy relationships with their peers and families. While learning about their own personal behaviors, the students will also take part in creating a healthier school environment by using what they have learned to create a classroom constitution and posters about conflict resolution and healthy problem solving.

This pilot program is being presented with the goals of increasing awareness, knowledge, and communication and problem solving skills. The ultimate goal of the Stalker Elementary School pilot program is to assist in the reduction of domestic violence in the community and among future generations.
OCHE to Partner with the ISDH Office of Public Health Performance Management to host state-wide Workforce Development Series

The Office of Community Health Engagement and the Office of Public Health Performance Management at the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) have recently created a partnership for collaborating on workforce development activities for public health personnel throughout Indiana. The primary aim of the partnership will be to support state and local health department staff through continuing education opportunities based on needs identified by the workforce and other affiliated constituents. Recognizing that the state of Indiana currently ranks among the lowest in terms of federal funding for public health programs, and that a large proportion of the public health workforce has not been formally trained in public health degree programs, the need exists for targeted and ongoing continuing education activities. The continuing education activities will help to ensure that statewide health department personnel in Indiana are proficient in basic skills that are required for accreditation, grant writing, program planning, and other activities.

Given that the state of Indiana is large and primarily rural, the approach for delivering continuing education activities must be broad and accessible. ISDH will use its capacity to conduct training activities that reach every local health department employee in the state via online webinars.

The Workforce Development Series will consist of a series of training modules on topics that have been identified as top priority by ISDH workforce assessments and also feedback provided by the members of the Indiana University – Bloomington community Public Health Advisory Board. The team will collaboratively decide on the topics and dates for approximately 5 bimonthly online webinar trainings per calendar year. Systems are being developed to catalogue each module on a website, for future viewing.

For more information about the Workforce Development Series please contact Sally Pelto-Wheeler (IU Office of Community Health Engagement) at sjpelto@indiana.edu or Kayleigh Dye (ISDH Office of Public Health Performance Management) at KDye@isdh.IN.gov

Update: School of Public Health Transition

On Friday, October 14, 2011, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) unanimously approved IU’s request to rename the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to Indiana University School of Public Health – Bloomington. This action represents the last necessary endorsement before submitting our application for becoming a school of public health to the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the independent agency authorized by the US Department of Education to accredit programs and schools of public health. Also approved by ICHE is the creation of a new IU School of Public Health-Indianapolis at IUPUI.

The School of HPER is currently putting the finishing touches on the school of public health application, which will ultimately be submitted to CEPH for their consideration. It is important to note that the CEPH Board of Councilors makes accreditation decisions at only two of its annual meetings: once in the fall and once in the spring. Therefore the earliest possible opportunity for consideration of our application is during its June 21-23, 2012 meeting. Agenda items for this meeting must be received by CEPH no later than May 10, 2012. We should receive notification regarding our application by mid-July. Full article can be viewed at HPER Dimensions 2011.
Meet OCHE’s Spring 2012 Interns!

Mariya Voytyuk, MS in Health Promotion Student

Mariya is a second year Health Promotion student in HPER. Originally from Ukraine with an undergraduate degree in Business Administration, she is planning to further her knowledge on a PhD level in global health and health behavior after graduating from Indiana University.

Mariya’s research interests include the effect of diet on our well-being, therapeutic uses of food, and the benefits of various nutritional approaches to health and healing. Her internship will focus on developing materials, including the newsletter and biweekly updates, planning and attending community events, as well as assisting with procedures of accreditation with OCHE.

Laura Coleman, Master of Public Health Student

Laura is a second year MPH student with a concentration in Behavioral, Social and Community Health. Originally from Granville, Ohio, she received her undergraduate degree in Community Health from Ohio University and is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES). Following graduation from IU, she plans to continue her education on the PhD level in health promotion and behavior. Laura’s research interest is in the areas of sexual assault, gender violence, and intimate partner violence among teens and young adults. Through her internship at OCHE, Laura will plan, implement, and evaluate an interpersonal violence and bullying prevention program with Stalker Elementary School, as well as take on the role of the Indiana University Coordinator for the Lawrence County Domestic Violence Coalition.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Title: Director, Prime Time of Morgan County
Deadline: Position available until filled
Location: Morgan County, Indiana
Prime Time is Morgan County’s coordinating council for the Governor’s Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. The Prime Time Director must possess proven leadership abilities, be able to organize and mobilize resources, and work collaboratively with a variety of community sectors across Morgan County. The Director must be a motivated self-starter and someone who is comfortable working independently, as well as directing the work of a larger team. Candidate must have grant writing experience.

For more information, please contact Judy Bucci at (765) 342-6688 or jebucci@att.net

Title: Associate Director for Research on Women’s Health
Organization: National Institutes of Health
Location: Bethesda, MD (Washington D.C. Metro Area)
Application Deadline: February 13, 2012
The position offers a unique and exciting opportunity for a leader to advance the NIH women’s health research strategic vision and mission. The Associate Director for Research on Women’s Health works collaboratively across the NIH, throughout the Federal Government, and with other key stakeholders and organizations to further the advancement of the ORWH’s mission and objectives. Applicants must possess an M.D. and/or PhD in the biomedical sciences and senior-level scientific experience.

Further information can be found at: http://orwh.od.nih.gov/
To apply, submit CV and bibliography to Brian Rabin at rabinbr@od.nih.gov
For questions, please contact Lynnita Jacobs at SeniorRe@od.nih.gov or (301.402.4077)
CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Nonprofit Board Certificate Program

This program is a great supplement to your organization’s own board orientation. Participants will have confidence about their roles as board members and possess greater understanding of their responsibilities, obligations, and expectations—legally, financially, ethically. With questions contact Bet Savich at (812) 349-3472 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov. $25 per person. To register, visit www.bloomington.in.gov/documents/viewDocument.php?document_id=5998

Spring Into Quality Symposium

Presentation topics include: Medical Home Model; What is the Hospital Strength Index; Hospital Care Reporting and MBQIP; Partnership for Patients; Outpatient Quality Data Reporting and Rural Providers, ICD-10 Preparedness; RAC Program and Indiana’s Implementation of the Program. To attend, register at www.IndianaRuralHealth.org (click on Events). For information, contact Tina Elliott at 812-478-3919 ext.222 or telliott@indianarha.org

Indiana Joint National Public Health Week Conference

This year’s theme, A Healthier America Begins Today, encourages us to look at behavior change as a way to improve health. The 2012 National Public Health Week will build upon the National Prevention Strategies to create a healthier nation by promotion and healthy behaviors in the following topic areas: Active Living and Healthy Eating; Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs; Communicable Diseases; Reproductive and Sexual Health; Mental and Emotional Well-Being

To submit a student abstract, go to www.publichealthconnect.org and click on IPHTC Events (Due 04/20/12). If interested in sponsorship or exhibiting at the conference, contact Kate Johnson at katlnich@iupui.edu or 317.274.3178.

Living in the New Normal: Helping Children Thrive in Good and Challenging Times

The training is designed for Family Readiness Group leaders, first responders and other concerned adults to gain strategies and practical applications to increase resilience in military-connected children.

For more information contact Amanda Hulsey at 254-953-1923 or Amanda.Hulsey@militarychild.org. To register, visit www.MilitaryChild.org and click on Upcoming Trainings tab.

No cost to participants.
Eligibility
- Ages 18-65 years old
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Check out these websites for additional trainings and workshops:
- Indiana Public Health Training Center: www.publichealthconnect.org
- Public Health Foundation: www.phf.org
- Training Finder Real-time Affiliate Integrated Network (TRAIN): www.train.org
- National Association of County and City Health Officials: www.naccho.org
- Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce: www.phpartners.org/workforcedevelopment.html

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If interested, call Dr. Campagne, Clinical Exercise Physiology Lab at IU, and ask for the Diabetic Treatment Study (812) 855-7556 (with a list of your medications)

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