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June Is Home Safety Month

According to the “Home Safety Council: State of Home Safety” report, American parents are the major causes of injury in the home, fires/burns and drowning. Parents thought poison exposure, choking were the major causes. While those are important home safety concerns, fires/burns are the key causes of home injury related deaths of children ages 1-4 years old.

This report gives important information on parents' perceptions of home-related injuries and home-related injury incidences. The study also asked questions about parents' readiness to respond to a home-related injury. An example cited in the report is that parents' do not have a poison control hotline number next to each phone. It also gives suggestions for parents and organizations to decrease home injury related death. The report can be found at:

http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/state_of_home_safety/sohs_haven_p001.pdf

Another important parental consideration for Home Safety Month is gun safety both at home and in a child may visit. June 21 is National Ask Day. Parents are given tools and techniques for assessing homes a child visits if there are guns and if they are locked with ammunition stored in a separate location. The National Ask Day web site suggests that over 40% of homes with children have guns.

many of those are unlocked or loaded. The web site contains tools and tips for parents and to increase awareness and comfort in asking about home gun safety.

National Ask Day - www.askingsaveskids.org

Hot Topics:

June 11-17 is National Men's Health Week. Why is this an issue that concerns the MCFH? Men's health impacts the health and well-being of women and children. Men are also a key part of the family. Nutritionists indicate that fathers' eating habits influence children's approach to food. Men are also examples and contributors to the health and well-being of the family. But men lead shorter lives.

The Men's Health Network (www.menshealthnetwork.org) provides resources for men and the health and well-being of men. The site has produced a blue print for men's health that addresses needs, warning signs and symptoms as well as data on disease incidence, fatherhood and health of other important topics. The blue print is available at: [Blueprint for Men's Health: A Guide](#)

MCFH Coalition News

The Mapping a Course Initiative will continue on its journey to identify the top issues affecting women, children and families with a meeting for past and new participants at the next quarter and Family Health Coalition Meeting,

June 21, 2007 9-11:30 am, Regional Arts Commission, 6128 Delmar.

Since last fall, multiple meetings were held with provider and community groups to brainstorm issues affecting poor health in St. Louis. Key themes have been generated as a result. The goals will be to: review progress and key themes, clarify the key themes and provide greater depth and prioritize the key themes.

The Coalition launched its educational series "Teaching Parents to Parent" May 22. Lori A. RD, LD, was the trainer. She offered instruction on nutrition basics, nutrition issues and teaching techniques. The session included practice sessions to help providers become prepared to interact with parents. Participants indicated that the presenter was "well informed of topic and kept workshop interactive" and "the session in the series will be August 28—Respectful Parenting – Parenting Together. Mr. Willard, CAS, QSAP, of the Breath Center will lead the session. There is still time to take advantage of the early registration discounts by registering online at:

<https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=mcfhc&formId=27245&te> and <https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=mcfhc&formId=27250&te> for nonmembers.

Web Resources (Local) Related to Awareness Campaigns


1. Home Safety Month <http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/homesafetymonth/homesafetymonth>
2. Safe Kids Campaign – St. Louis
<http://www.cardinalglennon.com/internet/home/glennon30.nsf/documents/Safe+Kids+Camp>
3. Men's Health Fast Facts - http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/mens_health.htm
4. Men's Health Week – June 11-17 - <http://www.menshealthweek.org/>
5. Medlineplus' Men's Health page with additional links to other web sites, includes screening information and other fact sheets - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/menshealthissues.html>
6. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality – Men's health section - <http://www.ahrq.gov/men>
7. Father Support Center - <http://www.fatherssupportcenter.org/>

MCFH Coalition Welcomes New and Returning Members:

New – ARCHS, Peggy Barnhart, Brenda Morrison, Harmony Health Care, Steve Fine, Donna Jones, Doris Durgins-Johnson, Debbie Henley-Watson, Corliss Burton, Sharon, Feltman, La Tenkku, Katie Kaufmann, Susan Clauss

Returning – Kathryn Plax, MD, Brooke Sehy, Julie McCroskey, Mercy Health Plans, St. Louis Department of Health, Vision for Children at Risk, Barnes Jewish Hospital, Grace Hill Neighbors Centers, Inc., RegionWise, SSM HealthCare

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