

National Training Center for Family Planning

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Welcome!

We are pleased to bring you the second edition of the National Training Center (NTC) for Family Planning **E-Newsletter**. The goal of this quarterly newsletter is to keep you informed of the latest news and recent and upcoming events related to training for family planning providers.

The purpose of the NTC for Family Planning is to assist the Office of Population Affairs, Office of Family Planning (OPA/OFP) and their Title X Regional and National Training Centers in planning, developing, and coordinating training activities in order to enhance and support training of personnel to carry out Family Planning service programs. The NTC is coordinated by Cicatelli Associates Inc., the Region II Family Planning Training Center.

We hope you will find this quarterly newsletter useful, and welcome your comments and suggestions about how to improve both our newsletter and related website, www.fpntc.org. Please send us ideas for items – or completed articles – you would like to see featured in the e-newsletter. Contact doris@cicatelli.org.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Gates-Ferris, Project Director
Doris Saintil, Project Coordinator

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NTC Staff News

Doris Saintil, MPH, has joined the NTC Project as the **Project Coordinator** under the direction of Kathryn Gates-Ferris, MPA, MS, NTC Project Director. Ms. Saintil has worked in the field of public health as a volunteer, educator, evaluator, researcher, and trainer for more than ten years. In addition to her role with the NTC, she is also a trainer and is responsible for providing capacity-building assistance to community-based organizations and health departments nationally. Her areas of expertise include behavioral science theory, group facilitation skills, adolescent development, cultural competency, quality assurance, process monitoring, and outcome evaluation.

Ms. Saintil began her work in public health securing funding and grants for National Medical Fellowships, Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to increasing the number of qualified minority medical doctors through the provision of scholarships and internships. She has also worked with the American Cancer Society, the Actors Fund of America, and the AIDS Institute. Ms. Saintil received her BA from Wellesley College and her Masters in Public Health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.

Male Health Educator Training Institute Report

The OPA Male Health Educator Training Institute was held on July 20-25, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The goal of this annual intensive weeklong seminar sponsored by Title X is to support a continuing commitment to male reproductive health. It provides health educators with comprehensive knowledge of reproductive health, family planning and basic health education competencies to enable them to work more effectively with male clients in family planning programs and clinics. The Institute exposed participants to topics ranging from Fatherhood to Intimate Partner Violence to Cultural Competency.

This year's Institute brought together 29 participants from all over the US and their feedback indicated that the training Institute was very successful in meeting its goals. Participants found the Institute informative and beneficial to their positions as health educators, with relevant, thought provoking, and stimulating presentations by the faculty presenters. Attendees also appreciated having the opportunity to network with one another, share ideas, and to learn about other programs. All participants were nominated by their Regional Program Consultants before being accepted into the training program; travel expenses were covered under the grant.

Faculty for the 2008 Male Health Educator Training Institute included:

David L. Bell, MD, MPH

Assistant Professor Pediatrics/Population and Family Health, Columbia University

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Director, WISE GUYS, Family Life Council

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Title X National Clinical Training Conference Held in Denver, Colorado

From August 3-5, the Title X National Clinical Training Conference provided advanced practice nurses, certified nurse midwives, physicians, physician assistants and other health care professionals with relevant, evidence-based clinical information related to family planning and preventive health. The focus was on emerging national standards of care, pertinent clinical topics, clinical education and counseling issues and techniques. Featured expert speakers included: Michael Policar, MD, MPH; Sharon Schnare, RN, FNP, CNM, MSN; and Jan Shepherd, MD.

NTC Training Consultant Database

The OPA-funded training centers have been asked to contact their consultant trainers and invite their listing in the NTC Training Consultant Database. The consultants must submit a completed consent form to the NTC. Once the NTC receives the consent forms, the consultants are contacted by email and instructed to enter their information into the database on the NTC website. This database will only be accessible to the OPA-funded training centers, not the public.

The Family Planning Male Training Center also has a Trainer Registry on their website (www.fpmtc.net).

NTC Training Resource Database

The NTC website has a section on training resources developed by the OPA-funded training centers over the past 5+ years. The Title X Regional Training Centers (RTCs), the Clinical Training Center for Family Planning, and the Family Planning Male Training Centers will be entering their information over the next few months. The web-based resource listing will be available to the public by late fall 2008.

CDC Guidance on Integrating HIV into Family Planning Programs

The NTC assisted OPA and CDC in the development of a guidance document for Family Planning Programs on the integration of HIV/AIDS services into reproductive health programs. The document will follow the format of similar guidance developed by CDC for other health professionals, and will draw upon the extensive training materials developed by the RTCs in recent years.

Upcoming Events

October 13-16, 2008 *Male Health Training for Administrators and Managers* in New Orleans, LA.

Formerly the FPMTC Male Health Institute, this training will accept 20 nominated managers, administrators and upper level staff who work with programs providing sexual and reproductive health services to men or those whose agencies wish to begin providing these services to men. Each year the FPMTC accepts up to 20 participants to attend this intense four-day training institute to examine and work on topics such as program development, program implementation, program sustainability and program evaluation. Participants must be nominated by their RPC.

April 22-24, 2009 *HIV Prevention Grantee Conference* in San Diego, California.

The 10th OPA/OFP HIV Prevention Project Annual Technical Support Conference for the OPA-funded HIV Integration projects will be held in April 2009. The conference is being coordinated by the National Training Center under the direction of OPA/OFP. A "Save-the-Date" flyer will be distributed in September 2008 and the conference registration packet will be available in January 2009.

July 2009 *Male Health Educator Training Institute* (Dates & Location TBA)

As more information becomes available, it will be posted on our website and in future newsletters.

August 19-21, 2009 *National Title X Grantee Conference* in Chicago, Illinois.

The bi-annual meeting of Title X funded programs will be held in Chicago during August 2009. The conference is being coordinated by the National Training Center under the direction of OPA/OFP. A conference planning committee will be developed in the next few months. A “Save-the-Date” flyer will be distributed in September 2008 and the conference registration packet will be available in Spring 2009.