

National Training Center for Family Planning

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Welcome!

We are pleased to bring you the first 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 being coordinated by Cicatelli Associates Inc. in New York City, 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 alarro@cicatelli.org.

Sincerely,

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Featured Items

New NTC for Family Planning Website Launched

The National Training Center for Family Planning is pleased to announce that our new website is up and running. The site – www.fpntc.org – has a host of features that Title X Training Centers and Title X Programs can access. Likely to be of particular interest to many is the *Tools and Resources* section, which contains links and downloads for a variety of training resources. Besides listing the tools and resources available, this section provides brief descriptions, any associated costs, and available contact information associated with accessing the items.

The website also features a submissions page where people can submit training resources that they have found to be particularly useful. The simple submission form asks users to provide basic information on their recommended resource, and allows it to be shared as a download or simply as a link to a website where it can be ordered or purchased. We encourage you to visit and share today:

www.cicatelli.org/ntc/ResourceSubmission.htm.

Evaluation Summary: OPA/OFP HIV Prevention Project Annual Technical Support Conference

From March 31-April 2, 2008 the OPA held its annual technical support conference for HIV Prevention Grantees. There are currently 77 grantees (30 of which are newly funded), and from these 208 participants attended the Ninth OPA/OFP HIV Prevention Project Annual Technical Support Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This year's conference drew 40 more participants than last year.

The three-day conference was broken into two segments; the first day was targeted to newly funded HIV Prevention grantees while the final two days were for all grantees. The conference goal was to promote and advance the state of HIV prevention and service integration in Family Planning programs.

The conference set out to provide orientation to the new HIV Prevention projects; update HIV Prevention projects on recent initiatives and advancements in HIV prevention; strengthen partnerships among the projects and grantees, both regionally and nationally; and provide guidance on the 2006 CDC recommendations for HIV testing in healthcare settings.

Overall participant feedback indicates that the conference was very successful in meeting its objectives. Participants found the conference informative and useful for their jobs, with relevant, thought-provoking, and stimulating presentations and speakers. Plenary and workshop speakers – both nationally recognized experts and fellow HIV integration projects – were rated highly. As in past years, the participants appreciated having this opportunity to meet each other and to learn about each other's programs, and to network and share ideas amongst themselves.

The OPA HIV Prevention Project Annual Technical Support Conference speaker materials and workshop handouts have been posted at <http://www.cicatelli.org/opa/Conf2008/Conf2008Materials.htm>

Training Centers Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the NTC's advisory committee – the Training Centers Committee (TCC) – was held on February 12, 2008 at the New York City office of Cicatelli Associates Incorporated (CAI). At the meeting, participants learned of updates on the Male Training Center, the Clinical Training Center, and

OPA/OFP. An introduction was also provided on the new National Family Planning Training Center, and an overview of the purpose and goals behind it was discussed.

Regional Training Centers Meeting

The Regional Training Centers (RTC) meeting took place from February 13-14, 2008 at CAI's New York office and was facilitated by Kristin Bradley-Bull from the New Perspectives Consulting Group. The meeting brought RTCs and OPA/OFP representatives together to discuss their shared goals and expectations and how the RTCs can best evaluate their work in order to show that their efforts are contributing to the long-term outcomes that OPA/OFP seeks to achieve. The group worked scrupulously to develop example logic models highlighting impacts and outcomes of their work. Feedback from RTC participants said they found the focus on more impact- and outcome-focused interventions beneficial.

Upcoming Events

Male Health Educator Training Institute

The Office of Family Planning Male Health Educator Training Institute will be held July 20 to July 25, 2008 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Male Health Educator Training Institute is an annual intensive week-long seminar sponsored by Title X to support our continuing commitment to male reproductive health. It is designed to provide 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.

This training is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs, Office of Family Planning (OPA/OFP), which administers the Title X Family Planning Program. Conference logistics are arranged by Cicatelli Associates Inc., the National Training Center for Family Planning. For more information check out: <http://www.MaleHETI.org>

Title X National Clinical Conference

The first national conference focused on the needs of clinicians serving Title X funded family planning clinics is taking place August 3-5, 2008 in Denver, Colorado. This event will feature two days of current, evidence-based information on family planning and related preventive health issues. The focus will be on emerging national standards of care, pertinent clinical topics, clinical education, and counseling issues and techniques. For more information check out: <http://www.ctcfp.org/>

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