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Greetings!

We are pleased to bring you the eighth 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. Cicatelli Associates Inc (CAI) coordinates the NTC for OPA/OFP.

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,

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- **August 1-3, 2010** – *National Clinical Training Center Annual Conference*, St. Louis, MO

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Featured Items

Regional Highlights: Online Learning Modules

Region I - JSI Research and Training Institute

JSI offers a two-hour online course on Adolescent Brain Development is intended for Title X providers, including family planning clinicians, counselors and new staff, as well as school and community-based staff working with adolescents to prevent unplanned pregnancy and STIs, including HIV. This course will help participants to develop a general understanding of brain changes occurring during adolescence that help to explain characteristic adolescent behavior; understand the difference between puberty and adolescence and the interplay between sexual and neurological development; gain greater insight into adolescent risk-taking behaviors and decision making; and consider more effective approaches for counseling and educating adolescent clients. For more information, visit <http://www.famplan.org/onlinetrng.htm#adbrain>.

Region V – Health Care Education & Training

Health Care Education & Training offers self-paced learning modules that are currently being reviewed for continuing education contact hours. Topics covered include, “The Culture of Family Planning,” “Money Matters” and “Prenatal Smoking Cessation Training.” Please visit www.hcet.org and click *Online Training* for additional information.

Region VI – The Center for Health Care Training

The Center for Health Care Training offers a number of online training opportunities including streaming audio, webinars and interactive web training. Their newest training, “Orientation to Family Planning” is not Title X specific and covers birth control, communication skills, reproductive anatomy, STIs, and sexuality. Please visit <http://centerforhealthtraining.org/calendar/online.html> for additional information.

Male Training Center News

The national Male Training Center (MTC) for Family Planning announces the launch of a new website: www.fpcmtc.org. The website features several new components, including *Ask the Experts*, a question and answer forum whereby website users can submit questions about family planning services for males. On a weekly basis several questions will be selected and answers posted. In the *Featured Information* section, a new article will be posted quarterly offering and discussing new research, publications, or events that have potential implications for family planning services for males.

The *Resources* section will include *Tools and Documents*, *Website Links*, and a *Media Room*, where website users can find materials such as videos, guides, and websites that offer information about family planning services for males. *Upcoming Events* will list and offer registration for male-related conference, training, and learning opportunities.

Title X-supported training, research or service grantees interested in offering website material or information can contact Russel Dunnings, Manager, at 215-985-2632, or russel@familyplanning.org. If you have an upcoming training event or a resource related to

providing family planning services for males that you'd like to draw attention to, please be in touch.

Small Grants Funding Announcement

The National Campaign Fund provides a limited number of grants to support activities that advance the mission of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. The National Campaign is currently seeking proposals to analyze newly available data on knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and behavior related to sexual activity and contraception among unmarried young adults – both male and female. For further information, please visit the website directly at http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/fund/PDF/RFP_SmallGrants_FogZone.pdf.

Tools and Resources

Region II Family Planning Training Center - Spring 2010 Webinar Series

For Spring 2010, the Region II RTC has scheduled seven webinars focusing on evidence-based clinical practices and clinic efficiency. The webinars, which are targeted towards Physicians, Advanced Practice Clinicians, Nurses, Health Educators, Counselors, Program Administrators, and Medical Directors in Title X settings, will provide relevant training without any travel costs.

One webinar, “Implementing Evidence-Based Practices: Contraceptive Methods Using Innovative Delivery Modes,” will be delivered entirely in Spanish to accommodate Puerto Rico delegate agencies and many of the webinars will offer Continuing Education Credits. For a list of other webinars in this series, please visit www.cicatelli.org/titlex/webinars.htm.

Technical Brief on Hormonal Implants Available

Hormonal implants are a highly effective, very safe, and reversible form of progestin-only contraception. Quickly and easily provided by a trained provider via a minor surgical procedure, nearly all women can use this long-acting method at any stage in their reproductive life. This Technical Brief, *Hormonal Implants: Service Delivery Considerations for an Improved and Increasingly Popular Method*, provides an overview of the characteristics of this method, as well as programmatic considerations for service delivery, including client eligibility, provider cadres' ability to provide implants, service quality, and access.

To download a copy of this publication, please go to <http://www.respond-project.org/pages/pubs/technical-briefs.php>. For more information about RESPONDS work, visit <http://www.respond-project.org>.

Upcoming National Events

April 7-9, 2010 39th Annual Reproductive Health Conference in Bellevue, Washington.

The 2010 Reproductive Health Conference (RH 2010) is for clinicians, community health educators, clinic and program managers, and other staff who work in family planning or other reproductive health care clinics or agencies. This three-day conference will provide high quality continuing education (CNE and CME) and clinical updates that are evidence-based and focused

on best practices and will include clinical (with pharmacology), educational, and management sessions.

The conference is known for its outstanding faculty and important updates on contraception, STD/HIV assessment and treatment, and a broad range of related clinical, education/counseling and administrative sessions. Information about the individual session topics and speakers can be found on the Center for Health Training website:

<http://www.centerforhealthtraining.org/RH2010/>.

April 27-29, 2010 HIV Prevention Grantee Technical Support Conference in Tampa, Florida.

The 2010 meeting of the OPA-funded HIV Prevention Grantees will be held in Tampa. The objectives of this annual conference are to update HIV Prevention projects on recent initiatives and advancements in HIV prevention; to explore strategies to improve integration of routine testing; to strengthen partnerships among the projects and grantees, both regionally and nationally; and to build skills related to prevention education and HIV/AIDS counseling. Registration information should be available by January 2010. Presentations and topics covered at previous conferences can be viewed and downloaded at www.cicatelli.org/opa.

June 30-July 2, 2010 National Conference for Male Family Planning and Reproductive Health Services in Philadelphia, PA.

Presented by the Male Training Center (MTC) for Family Planning, this conference is designed to increase the capacity of family planning agencies and other providers to address service needs of males in family planning and reproductive health care settings. Strategies for building and maintaining an effective family planning program for males will be explored including successful approaches to staff training, policy development & implementation, environmental assessment and program evaluation. For more information, please contact Russel Dunning, Project Manager, at 215-985-2632 or russel@familyplanning.org, or Terry Hogan, Project Administrator, at 410-550-6251 or mhogan2@jhmi.edu.

July 11-16, 2010 Male Health Educator Training Institute in Chicago, IL.

The Male Health Educator Training Institute is an annual intensive week-long seminar sponsored by Title X to support its continuing commitment to male reproductive health. The Institute 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. The Institute presents two training modules each day and attendance at each module is mandatory. Interested health educators must apply by **April 16, 2010** to their OPA Regional Program Consultant. For more information, please visit www.cicatelli.org/maleheti.

August 1-3, 2010 Title X National Family Planning Clinical Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

This annual conference is intended for anyone providing reproductive health care to women, including Women's Health, Family, or Adult Nurse Practitioners; Certified Nurse Midwives; Gynecologists; Family Physicians; Physician Assistants; and Registered Nurses. The conference will present the latest evidence-based information related to family planning and reproductive health and expand and build confidence in clinical skills through pre-conference practicum sessions. More information can be found at www.ctcfp.org.