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What can we do for you?

The Atlantic County Division of Public Health offers free health screenings for county residents by appointment by calling 645-5933.

They also offer presentations on a variety of health education topics for your organization or business. For more information, please call 645-5935.

Public Health Services Include...

Men's Health Services Clinic

Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Fasting Blood Sugar, Colorectal Cancer (age 50 and over), Cholesterol, Diabetes, Digital Rectal Exam, PSA testing, Health Counseling

Women's Health Clinic

Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Fasting Blood Sugar, Colorectal Cancer (age 50 and over), Cholesterol, Diabetes, Breast Exam, Pap Smear, Pelvic Exam, Mammogram Referral, Health Counseling

Low Cost Child Health Immunizations

Children 18 years and younger

Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic

Confidential Testing and Treatment, Rapid HIV Testing and Counseling, No age restrictions
Mondays-2:30 PM-4:00 PM
No Appointment Necessary

Confidential Substance Abuse Screenings

Call for an Appointment 609-645-5945

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Longer



Atlantic County Division of Public Health Presents 2008 Public Health Partnership Award

Each year the Atlantic County Division of Public Health presents the Public Health Partnership Award during National Public Health Week, which is observed during the first full week in April to promote awareness of public health.

The award honors community members or agencies that have made a significant contribution to the public health mission in Atlantic County.

The recipient of this year's award is Louise Hammell, who tragically lost her son when he was struck and killed by a drunk driver in 1995. She has since become a nationally recognized advocate of alcohol and drug awareness and prevention programs.



Louise Hammell is presented with the 2008 Public Health Partnership Award

realities of drinking and driving. Louise also speaks to local schools, churches and community groups educating residents of all ages. Her public speaking engagements are so powerful that Atlantic Prevention Resources has taped her message to share with alcohol and drug prevention programs all over the nation.

Hammell recently completed a book titled, "That You May Know God Has a Purpose," consisting of journal entries that document the excruciating moments endured by her family after her son's death.

"We are extremely appreciative and fortunate that Louise takes the time to relate her personal experiences with the participants of Atlantic County's Intoxicated Driver's Resource Center," acknowledged Atlantic County Health Officer Patricia Diamond. "Her story has a profound impact on anyone who hears it, and has certainly saved lives."

Also honored were winners of a poster and essay contest sponsored by the Division of Public Health. Participants from local schools submitted entries spotlighting a public health theme. The first place poster contest winners from each age group included Julia Gant of Slaybaugh Primary School, Azhanee Scott of Slaybaugh School, Steven Broomall of Dawes Avenue School and Lisa Heiler of William Davies Middle School. The essay contest winner was Jia Liang of Absegami High School.

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From the Health Officer's Desk...

Dear Public Health Partner,

Did you know that there are more poison related accidents in the summer than any other time of year? The increase is because children ingest such things as sunscreen, insect repellent, pesticides, plants, mushrooms and berries. If you ever suspect that anyone has or may have ingested something that is poisonous, call the 24-hour poison control number immediately. That number is 1-800-222-1212. You will be automatically connected to your nearest poison control center.

Hope your summer of 08 stays safe and healthy,



Patricia Diamond
Director/Health Officer

Contact Us

Community Health
609-645-5933

Environmental Health
609-645-5971

Health Planning & Education
609-645-5853

Substance Abuse Services
609-645-5945

Public Health Emergency
Hotline
609-677-5720

On the Web:
www.aclink.org/publichealth

Want To Take a Dip This Summer? *Be sure to check your inbox first*

Are you ready to enjoy the water at your favorite Atlantic County beach? With just the click of a mouse you can be sure you are swimming in clean water, thanks to the Atlantic County Division of Public Health.

Beginning in summer 2008, residents and visitors can subscribe to receive weekly e-mail notifications from the Atlantic County Ocean Water Quality program. The e-mail will let you know when weekly water quality results have been updated.

Now in its twenty-first year of providing important information to the public, the Atlantic County Ocean Water Quality Program is coordinated by the Atlantic County Division of Public Health in cooperation with the Atlantic City Health Department to ensure safe bathing areas from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Health Officials take weekly water quality samples at 34 different sites in Brigantine, Atlantic City, Ventnor, Margate, and Longport. Each water sample is tested for bacteria according to standards set by the New Jersey State Department of Health.

To subscribe to receive a weekly e-mail notification, log-on to www.aclink.org and click-on "subscribe." The latest results are available by calling the county's toll-free hotline, 1-800-633-SWIM or visiting www.aclink.org in addition to being posted at area lifeguard stations.

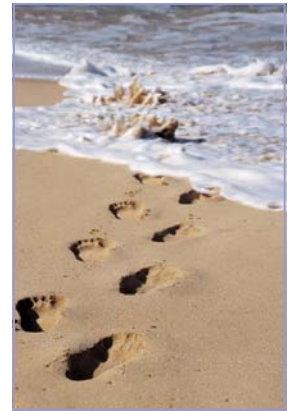
So be sure to log-on and take a dip this summer!

Keeping You Healthy

Public Health Nurses and Health Educators from the Atlantic County Division of Public Health offered their expertise at the Senior Health Fair held at the Atlantic County Library/Mays Landing.

They provided blood pressure screenings and educational information on a variety of health topics.

Public Health staff offer their services at many health fairs and events across the county. To inquire about upcoming events, please call 645-5933.



Public Health Preparedness Notes...

The Atlantic County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) consists of community volunteers who are available to assist in times of public health emergencies, including licensed medical professionals.



quarterly meeting on April 28 where volunteers were presented with information regarding hurricane preparedness. The Atlantic County MRC currently has 112 licensed professionals and 40 community volunteers.

For more information, or to volunteer, please call 645-7700, ext. 4259 or visit the New Jersey Medical Reserve Corps Web site at www.njmrc.nj.gov.

Volunteers meet quarterly and receive trainings to better prepare them for emergency response activities. The MRC met for its 2nd

Beat The Summer Heat Each summer season we can expect some days of very hot weather. Annually 175-300 people in the United States lose their life due to heat related illness. The elderly and small babies are the most vulnerable. A few ways to prevent dehydration, heat exhaustion and stroke are:

- Drink Plenty of Water.
- Avoid late morning and early afternoon sun.
- Have your child take frequent breaks if they are playing outside.
- Learn to identify the signs and symptoms of dehydration, especially in an infant.
- Check on the elderly often. Many times, they keep their home completely closed up to keep the "hot airout." Therefore, they have no ventilation in their homes.
- Also, keep an eye on pets. They feel the heat to. Make sure they have plenty of fresh water and if they cannot be kept cool inside make sure your yard provides sufficient shade.



County Employees *Have Heart*



Atlantic County government employees joined thousands of area residents and businesses at the American Heart Association's Heart Walk, May 17 on the Ocean City Boardwalk. They raised close to \$3,500 and had a great time at the walk. Hope you'll join us next year!