

Family Health Center News December 2008

Employee of the Month

No Employee of the month for December

Medical Department

Influenza Update:

The Family Health centers have given a tremendous effort to vaccinate patients against Influenza. Since September 2008, the Health Centers have administered **1310 doses** of the Influenza vaccine.

Great Work!!

Healthcare Workers and the Influenza Vaccine.

Research has been conducted by the CDC regarding healthcare workers receiving the flu vaccine. When a healthcare worker receives the influenza vaccine, it reduces the prevalence and incidence of the flu in the healthcare setting.

The CDC recommends influenza vaccinations for healthcare workers in direct care. The U.S. department of Health and Human services, along with the CDC has set a national health promotion and disease prevention. **The target goal of 60% immunization rate was set for healthcare workers** as part of the Healthy People 2010 initiative.

The Family Health Center has a current rate of 53% of employees receiving the flu vaccine. Our goal is not far from being met; let's push to make the recommended national goal of 60%.

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Medical Department Con't

Several employees have the theory, "I have never taken the flu vaccine and I have never had the flu." As healthcare workers, we are exposed to ill people on a daily basis; we need to protect ourselves, our co-workers and our family members from exposure to the flu.

Get Vaccinated!!!

If you have not received the flu vaccine or initially declined this year, there is still to time to get vaccinated against the flu. Please contact Lisa Walker or Cindy Balzer to obtain a consent form for the vaccine.



Nursing

The **Waverly nurse's station** will receive a fresh coat of paint. Painting will be complete in two stages. **Dec. 5th, 2008**, the back nursing area will be painted. The front nursing area will be painted on **Dec. 19th, 2008**.

CPR classes will be scheduled for 2009. Staff members will be notified, if he/she is required to attend a class.

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Piketon

If you work at the Piketon site, you have probably seen a new face in the Dental Department. On December 1st, 2008, Dr. Jake Bissonette joined the CAC Family Health Center Dental Team.

Dr. Bissonette is a 2007 graduate of the Ohio State College of Dentistry, and practiced in the Columbus area for a year before joining the Family Health Centers.

Submitted by: Lynn Holland

Waverly Carry - In

The Waverly Passing party will be held on December 15th, 2008. It will begin at lunchtime. Please sign up by the time clock for carry in items.

Community Refrigerators

The refrigerators at the sites are considered community refrigerators for the Family Health Center staff. Please remember your co-workers bring in items and store them in the refrigerators (a co-worker may bring lunch/snacks and drinks, etc from home).

Label all personal items with your name before placing it in the community refrigerator. This includes your lunch, snacks and drinks.

Check the name on the items, make sure it belongs to you before removing any items from the refrigerators.

Thank you

Electronic Health Records

EHR is still on track for mid 2009. No dates have been set for training at this time. Staff will be notified of any status updates.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Walker or Cindy Balzer.

Submitted by: Lisa Walker

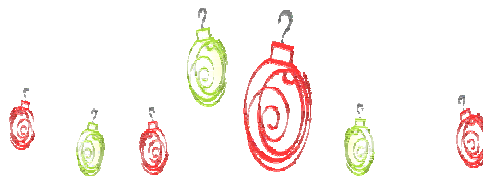
Holiday Gathering

The CAC of Pike County holiday gathering will be on Friday, December, 12th, 2008. It will be conducted from noon until 4:00 pm.

It will be located at the Eagles' in Waverly.

It would be great to see all of you at the Holiday gathering. We can celebrate the holidays as a group.

See you there!!



OSHA/Safety

OSHA training will be scheduled after January 1st, 2009. The trainings will be given on site at each health center. The training will be at least 30 minutes. The OSHA training schedule will be sent to all staff via email.

Safety

It is the time of the year for slippery sidewalks and parking lots. Be cautious walking on the parking lots or sidewalks when they are wet. This makes for ideal situations to lead to a fall/injury.

Do not get in a hurry; give yourself a little extra time in morning or evening hours when walking to and from the facility.

If you have any other safety issues or any concerns, please contact Lisa Walker, the Safety Representative for the Family Health Centers.

Submitted by: Lisa Walker

Workplace Violence

A workplace Violence policy was effective on 12/3/08. An email was distributed to each FHC employee with the policy attached. It is located on the CAC policies under FHC as policy number 10.05.00.96. Training will be provided along with the OSHA training after the first of the year.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Walker.

Submitted By: Lisa Walker

IT Department

Computer Awareness

Please be careful when forwarding emails to CAC employees by “forwarding emails”, I am including those emails forwarded to you... the ones that include “free stuff” or “being a friend”, you get the idea. These emails can contain spyware, viruses, harmful attachments, and other harmful things that can attack your computers.

It is against agency policy to forward these types of emails to CAC employees.

Your email is a privilege and should be used for work-related purposes. Please don't abuse it.

Thank you.

IT Department

CQI Reminder

The **Red CQI suggestions and comments folder** is located at each site by the employee time clock. If you have any comments or suggestions place them in the folder or send it to Cindy Balzer.

The monthly CQI board report is posted at each site for all employees to review. The report contains information about topics discussed and resolutions. Please take the time to review it every month.

Please submit all suggestion, no matter how large or small.

Thank you.

The newsletter is created by Lisa Walker on a monthly basis. If you have a newsletter posting, submissions are due the last day of the month. Email is preferred, lwalker@pikecac.org or contact me at the Waverly Family Health Center. 740-947-7726

Closings and Holidays

Offices Closed:

December 24th and 25th

January 1st, 2009

Drug Enforcement Agency Anonymous Reporting

A person suspected of selling, sharing, or diverting controlled substances can be reported anonymously to the DEA. However, if you are an employee of CAC-Family Health Centers, please do not report patients of CAC-Family Health Centers, which may be a violation of patient confidentiality.

All calls are anonymous and will be investigated by the DEA. This service will help to protect our community.

Anonymous Contact Numbers:

Columbus – 1-614-255-4200

Cincinnati – 1-513-684-3671

Submitted by: Dr. Lilly Kao