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## Another fantastic Back-to-School Family Day!



Covering Kids and Families welcomed more than 10,000 people to 3838 N. Rural Street on July 26 for its annual Back-to-School Family Day. Despite an early thunderstorm, the event was a big success and organizers and volunteers were able to provide 30 sports physicals, 56 immunizations, 11 lead screenings, 75 vision screenings, 100 dental screenings and distribute 2,450 backpacks to local kids.

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## Nancy Keefe retires from Community-Based Care, Jennifer Long appointed as new administrator

Community-Based Care Administrator Nancy Keefe retired on July 31 after 27 total years of service with the Marion County Public Health Department and 15 at the helm of Community-Based



Nancy Keefe

Care. Prior to assuming a leadership role, Nancy started as a public health nurse at Northwest District Health Office and supervised public health nurses at both NWDHO and Northeast District Health Office. In addition to her work with MCPHD, Nancy served on several advisory boards for nursing schools and received the Community Health Outreach Award in 2011 from the Indianapolis Star during its Salute to Nurses.



Jennifer Long

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Jennifer Long, previously a nurse epidemiologist in the Immunization Program, joined

Community-Based

Care as its new administrator on Sept. 1. In addition to earning a Bachelors' of Science degree in nursing from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, she earned a Masters' in Public Health degree from Indiana University in Bloomington. As administrator, she hopes to collaborate with other programs and departments across MCPHD to create the best possible client experience without duplicating services.

*Community-Based Care provides services out of MCPHD clinics including immunizations, tuberculosis skin tests and medications, blood pressure screenings, counseling and referral for prenatal, infant and child care, communicable diseases and general health counseling and referral.*

## Virginia Caine, M.D. appointed to National Biodefense Science Board



Virginia Caine, M.D.

Dr. Virginia Caine, Director of Public Health, has joined the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB), which was created under the authority of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, signed into law in December, 2006. The board advises HHS' assistant secretary for preparedness and response and the HHS secretary on preventing, preparing for, and responding to adverse health effects of public health emergencies.

The board has 13 voting members who have expertise in science, medicine and public health. There also are voting and non-voting members from federal and state government agencies.

## Emergency Preparedness asks: Are you prepared for the unexpected?

We know that emergencies can happen unexpectedly. As skilled and responsive as they may be, police, fire and rescue workers may not always be able to reach you quickly in an emergency or disaster. The most important step you can take to help your local responders is being able to take care of yourself and those in your care for at least a short period of time following an incident; the more people who are prepared, the quicker the community will recover.

You are not helpless in the face of an emergency. With just a few simple steps, you can be a force of nature by knowing your risk, taking action and setting an example in your community.

**Know your risk.** Emergencies can happen anywhere at any time. It is important to understand potential risks where you live.

### What you can do:

- Bookmark [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) to stay informed on severe weather.
- Learn about Wireless Emergency Alerts, messages that will be sent to your phone during an emergency. (<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/wea.html>)
- Get practical tips on preparing for disasters at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).

**Take action.** Make sure that you and your family are prepared for an emergency. Ensure that you can go for at least three days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or other local services.

### What you can do:

- Prepare a disaster supply kit with at least three days of food and water. (<http://www.ready.gov/basic-disaster-supplies-kit>)
- Create a Family Emergency Plan, so that your family knows how to communicate during an emergency. (<http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>)
- Obtain a NOAA Weather Radio.

**Be an example.** Be a positive influence on your community by sharing your preparedness story. Let friends and family know that you're prepared for an emergency – and that they should be prepared, too.

### What you can do:

- Share your preparedness story on Facebook so that friends and family will know what you'll do in case of disaster.
- Tell the world you're prepared on Twitter using the hashtag #NATLPREP.
- Get involved with your local Medical Reserve Corps or train with a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

## 2014 HOPP Conference highlights the Fantastic Five for senior services in Marion County

The 2014 Healthy Older Peoples' Program (HOPP) Conference took place on September 5 at the Primo South banquet facility in Indianapolis. Emceed once again by Archie Campbell of the Public Health Laboratory, this year's event highlighted the services and achievements of the "fantastic five" health care organizations serving seniors in Marion County. The Marion County Public Health Department, Eskenazi Health, IU Health, CICOA and American Senior Communities all presented. Speakers touched on topics ranging from food insecurity among seniors to drug interactions. Attendees could receive free health screenings and informational materials from a variety of exhibitors, including the Marion County Public Health Department. A choir from Broad Ripple Magnet High School for the Performing Arts provided entertainment.



## HHC/MCPHD and Meadows businesses and residents meet to discuss public safety



The United North East Community Development Corporation met on Thursday, June 26 at the 4012 Community Room for a special meeting with HHC/MCPHD staff and leadership to engage the Meadows community and surrounding areas in a dialogue on crime, health and housing issues. Led by Vice President of External Affairs Greg Porter, the meeting included a discussion panel with Amandula Anderson, executive director of the United North East Community Development Corporation, Annie Kern, Community Outreach Director for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, Dr. Virginia Caine, Charles Ingram, Northeast Center District liaison to the mayor and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Rick Hite.

During the meeting, local business owners had the opportunity to directly communicate their concerns with local officials with immediate feedback and receive information about available resources.

# Governor Mike Pence and IBBC honor Terry Jo Curtis during World Breastfeeding Week



Colleagues, friends, family and admirers gathered in early August during World Breastfeeding Week to honor the life and legacy of Terry Jo Curtis, who passed away unexpectedly in May. Terry Jo was an inexhaustible advocate for breastfeeding and helped thousands of women breastfeed, both directly and through her organizational efforts. A founding member of the Indiana Black Breastfeeding Coalition as well as one of the first African-American certified lactation consultants in Indiana, Terry Jo was deeply committed to improving health outcomes for African-American infants by encouraging breastfeeding. The IBBC, which she founded in 2007, paired breastfeeding moms with trained mentors to answer questions and provide support. She also co-authored *Human Milk: A Soulful Meal* with Rosalind Jones-Jackson. She poured her heart and soul into educating as many women as possible about the importance of breastfeeding.

To honor Terry Jo's legacy, Governor Mike Pence declared August 1-7 Indiana Breastfeeding Week to run in conjunction with World Breastfeeding Week.

In a letter to her family and friends, Pence said that Terry Jo "was a true role model for Indiana citizens, one who broke barriers and lived by the belief that understanding and compassion are the means to impact change."

The Indiana Black Breastfeeding Coalition, MCPHD's division of Maternal and Child Health and other organizations all continue Terry Jo's critical work.



*Top left: Terry Jo's daughters address the group with Antoinette Holt of the Indiana State Department of Health.*

*Bottom left: Previous Indiana State Health Commissioner William Van Ness talks about Terry Jo's vital work for Indiana's women and children.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

6, 13, 20, 27

#### ABCs of Diabetes

Call 317-221-2094 for information about diabetes education at MCPHD.

Speedway Public Library  
5633 W. 25th St., 46224  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30

#### Free Blood Lead and Consumer Product Testing

The Marion County Public Health Department offers FREE walk-in testing for blood lead and lead in consumer products.

Marion County Public Health Department  
3901 Meadows Dr., 46205  
12 - 5 p.m.

**The Marion County Public Health Department will be closed on Tuesday, November 4, Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.**

### NOVEMBER

11, 18, 25

#### Free Blood Lead and Consumer Product Testing

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Marion County Public Health Department  
3901 Meadows Dr., 46205  
12 - 5 p.m.

5, 15, 19, 26

#### ABCs of Diabetes

Call 317-221-2094 for information about diabetes education at MCPHD.

East 38th St. Branch Library  
5420 E. 38th St., 46218  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

### DECEMBER

4, 11, 18

#### Free Blood Lead and Consumer Product Testing

The Marion County Public Health Department offers FREE walk-in testing for blood lead and lead in consumer products.

Marion County Public Health Department  
3901 Meadows Dr., 46205  
12 - 5 p.m.

## Joe Gibson wins Heffernan Award



Director of Epidemiology Joseph Gibson, Ph.D, received the 2014 Rick Heffernan Award for Public Health from the International Society for Disease Surveillance (ISDS), which is responsible for syndromic surveillance. The ISDS presents this award to individuals who make "sustained and outstanding contributions to the knowledge and practice of biosurveillance."

Gibson has worked in public health for more than 20 years

and in addition to his work as MCPHD's Director of Epidemiology, he also serves as an affiliate faculty member for the Indiana University-Bloomington School of Public Health. As chair of the BioSense Governance Group for the past two years, Gibson has worked tirelessly to ensure that the biosurveillance community has an active role when public health decisions are made.

## Near West neighborhood wins top prize from Neighborhoods USA

Hawthorne Center took home the Neighborhood of the Year award during this year's Neighborhoods USA Annual Conference for its neighborhood cleanup initiative. These efforts went well beyond a simple neighborhood cleanup. More than 200 residents and 400 additional volunteers, including staff from Housing and Neighborhood Health and Environmental Health and Safety Management pitched in and together, they painted more than 50 fire hydrants, added the Near West logo to street corners, mulched and spruced up Hawthorne Park, Stringtown Park and Rosalie Park, collected and removed 10 truckloads of trash, planted more than 50 trees and painted murals on bridges in the We Care neighborhood. Said one Hawthorne Center resident: "The Marion County Public Health Department did an incredible job of working with us in a friendly, helpful and professional manner."

# Need help quitting smoking?



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Indiana's Tobacco Quitline  
[QuitNowIndiana.com](http://QuitNowIndiana.com)

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altering the legacy of violence — one life at a time

# OUTPOURING 2014

*An Evening of Music, Art, Wine,  
Hors d'oeuvres, Silent Auction &  
Special Guests — Benefitting Legacy House.*

**Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014  
5:30 - 8 p.m.**

Indiana Landmark Center  
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Indianapolis

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*Proceeds support counseling & advocacy services for victims of violence*

# MCPHD In The Community



## Prostate mobile unit receives gift from NECDC

The Northeast Community Development Corporation presented the MCPHD with a \$500 gift to support the Reverend Charles Williams Prostate Mobile Unit. Pictured are Sonja Buckner-Marion, NECDC Executive Director Amandula Anderson, Reverend Williams' sister Kathy Jordan, Dr. Virginia Caine and Wade Harris.

## Eskenazi Hospital officially opens Commonground area

The Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Hospital officially cut the ribbon for the Commonground, a public space that combines landscaping and art for a beautiful and peaceful setting that is intended to promote enrichment and healing of the mind, body and spirit. Located in front of the hospital, all are welcome to use and enjoy the space.



# MCPHD In The Community



Terry Gallagher of Mosquito Control opens up one of two trailers holding over 1,500 total tires collected on Tire Amnesty Day. A single empty tire can potentially house hundreds of mosquito larvae. The tires were hauled to a facility in Michigan where the rubber was recycled.



The Forest Manor community honored HHC President Matt Gutwein on June 9 with a Champion Award for his efforts to promote health in the community. From left: Forest Manor CEO Regina Marsh, Matt Gutwein, City-County Councilwoman Pam Hickman.

## HHC/MCPHD rocks Black Expo

July brings Independence Day, warm temperatures and of course, the INShape Indiana Black and Minority Health Fair! HHC and MCPHD once again brought a huge presence to the event and were able to reach out to thousands of people to inform and educate about their health and our huge variety of services.



# MARION COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT SERVICES

ACTION Health Center Clinic .....	221-3400	Mortgage Loan Inspections .....	221-2145
ACTION Health Center Education and Social Services .....	221-8950	Laboratory (Public Health) .....	221-4670
Animal Bite Surveillance .....	221-2222	Maternal and Child Health .....	221-2312
Asthma Screening and Education .....	221-2094	Mosquito Control.....	221-7440
B.A.B.E. (Beds and Britches, Etc.) .....	221-3050	Mother Baby Healthline .....	221-BABY (2229)
Birth and Death Registry .....	221-2400	Mother Baby Healthline TTY For Hearing Impaired .....	221-2354
Birth and Death Registry TTY for Hearing Impaired .....	221-2410	Newborn Screening.....	221-2331
Certificates of Birth Correction Info .....	221-2397	Occupational Health.....	221-2266
Cancer Detection and Control .....	221-2101	Older Adult Health .....	221-2087
Cardiovascular Health .....	221-2097	Rodent Control .....	221-7588
Child Abuse/Neglect Detection and Prevention .....	221-2366	School-Based Health Centers	
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program .....	221-2155	Arlington High School .....	226-2992
Children's Special Health Care Services Program .....	221-2103	Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School.....	226-2791
Chronic Disease .....	221-2094	John Marshall Community School.....	226-4622
Communicable Disease Control .....	221-2117	Manual High School.....	226-2000
Community-Based Care (CBC) .....	221-2366	School Health Promotion .....	221-2052
Community Nutrition Services .....	221-7403	School Health Services .....	221-2366
Dental Health .....	221-2329	Sewage Regulation (Septic Systems) .....	221-2147
Diabetes Education .....	221-2104	Sexually Transmitted Disease Control .....	221-8300
Environmental Control .....	221-7588	Sickle Cell Anemia .....	221-2105
Food Safety .....	221-2222	Smoke Free Indiana.....	221-2084
Foreign Born Health .....	221-2114	Social Work .....	221-2364
Hazardous Materials .....	221-2266	Streams, Groundwater and Solid Waste .....	221-2266
Health Education, Promotion and Training.....	221-2092	Swimming Facilities Regulation (Public) .....	221-2270
Healthy Babies Consortium .....	221-2313	Tobacco Free Youth Initiative.....	221-3100
HIV/AIDS Prevention Information .....	221-3101	Tuberculosis Control .....	221-2106
HIV/AIDS Outreach Project .....	221-4618	Violence Prevention .....	221-2085
Bell Flower Clinic .....	221-8300	Wellfield Protection .....	221-2266
Housing and Neighborhood Health .....	221-2150	Wells and Drinking Water Safety .....	221-2145
Immunization Program .....	221-2122	WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) .....	221-7401
Indoor Air Quality .....	221-2266		
Indianapolis Birthing Project/SisterFriend .....	221-7419		
Injury Prevention .....	221-3145		
Institutional Inspection.....	221-2266		



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