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## Legacy House champions survivors during National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Legacy House, which works on behalf of those affected by violence, brought the community out in force during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. On Tuesday, a display of 135 empty pairs of shoes at the Central Library provided a stark visual reminder of how many people are lost to violence each year. Staff, friends and the public ended the week on a much lighter note at the annual R.O.C.C.-A-Thon on Monument Circle, which helped raise awareness for Legacy House's services and honored the people who work on behalf of Marion County's citizens to end violent crime and help victims and families heal.



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## FBI honors Jeff Larmore for his work helping protect Marion County Larmore partners with ISDH to protect citizens from bioterrorism

In his professional capacity as supervisor of Indoor Air Quality and Hazardous Materials Management, Jeff Larmore plays a critical role in keeping Marion County prepared and protected in the event of a bioterrorism attack. During the last two and a half years, Larmore teamed up with the Indiana State Department of Health and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to create a training DVD that demonstrates the appropriate procedures for managing the incident and safely gathering samples of suspicious materials, such as white powders or other potential threat agents. After reviewing the finished product, the FBI decided to distribute copies to bioterrorism prevention personnel in all fifty states and recognized Larmore in particular for his contributions to the project.

According to Larmore, white powder threats happen in Marion County a few times each year – about every two months during 2014.

“When we respond, we have to treat every incident as if it is the real thing,” he said.

When law enforcement is notified about a threat, they isolate the scene and determine the credibility of the threat. While law enforcement works to keep the public from the scene, first responders like Larmore and MCPHD’s other hazardous materials staff conduct initial screenings on-site before delivering carefully collected samples to the Indiana State Department of Health’s BioWatch lab, where more thorough testing is conducted. If appropriate, MCPHD will activate additional emergency management



procedures.

Larmore noted that the FBI was particularly impressed with MCPHD’s inclusion of mental health services in its emergency management procedures.

“We’re one of the few areas that has managed the mental health piece in these incidents,” he said, citing the example of a woman who was screened and released after possible exposure and later experienced debilitating panic attacks. “If you haven’t managed the mental health piece, you need to.”

HHC/MCPHD thanks Jeff Larmore for his continued great work on behalf of Marion County’s citizens and congratulates him for this well-deserved honor!

## Eskenazi Health Urgent Care East opens at 3901 Meadows Drive



neighborhood residents.

Patients experiencing illness or injury requiring immediate care (but not a trip to the emergency department) are encouraged to visit the relocated site to receive the same great care that was provided at the previous location. Care is provided on

Eskenazi Health Linwood has changed its location, name and hours of operation. The clinic has relocated to 3901 Meadows Dr. This move expands the clinic’s hours of operation and services and provides more health care options for Meadows

a walk-in basis by experienced and skilled providers. The site’s phone number has changed to 880.2700, and the hours of operation will change as well. Eskenazi Health Urgent Care East is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Other Eskenazi Health urgent care sites include Eskenazi Health Urgent Care West, located within Eskenazi Health West 38th Street; Eskenazi Health Center Primary Care – Pediatric Urgent Visit Center, located on the second floor of the Eskenazi Health Outpatient Care Center on the main campus; and Eskenazi Health OB Triage (for pregnant women only), located on the fifth floor of the Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Hospital. Eskenazi Health Urgent Care West follows the same hours of operation as Eskenazi Health Urgent Care East and the hours of operation for Eskenazi Health Center Primary Care - Pediatric Urgent Visit Center are 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

## Dental Department gets ready for a new Smile Mobile

After almost two decades of faithful service, the Dental Department is getting a new and improved Smile Mobile to continue providing mobile dental health services to children in Marion County.

"We started discussing the need for a new Smile Mobile probably three or four years ago," said program coordinator Connie Shipp. "Considering all the traffic that's in there – thousands and thousands of children and adults – it's really lived its life."

The current Smile Mobile arrived on May 8, 1998 and has brought dental and immunization services to thousands of children around Marion County who might not otherwise be able to access these services. After almost 17 years, a new generator, a new computer and countless little fixes (courtesy of Smile Mobile coordinator William Lenoir), the Dental Department secured funding to cover the cost of a new mobile unit.

While the new Smile Mobile will be the same dimensions as the old one with the same number of exam chairs

and the same general capabilities, dental staff are excited to move into the 21st century with digital x-ray capabilities – the Smile Mobile currently only has film x-ray capabilities and must process the x-rays on site.

Costs for the new Smile Mobile begin at around \$350,000, which doesn't include all necessary equipment.

"The health outcomes are worth much, much more," said Shipp. "It's a lot of money, sure, but I don't think you can put a dollar amount on the self-esteem of a child."



## Safe Sitter® classes available during summer 2015

Today's babysitters need to know more than just the basics to keep themselves and the children in their care safe. Safe Sitter® courses provide an up-to-date and well-rounded training program with a medical basis to help young people develop the tools and confidence they need to stay home alone safely and with confidence. This one-day course goes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and costs \$20. Call 221-5729 to register.

Friday, June 12  
Eskenazi Health West 38th St.  
5515 W. 38th St.

Thursday, June 18  
Shoemaker Building  
3901 Meadows Dr.

Friday, June 26  
Eskenazi Health Center North Arlington  
2505 N. Arlington Ave.

Thursday, July 9  
South District Health Office  
503 National Ave.

## Please join us for WIC Day at the Market

Featuring  
Giveaways • B.A.B.E. coupons • Cooking tips • Seasonal produce information • Nutrition education

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21 • 8:30-11:30 A.M.**  
Broad Ripple Farmers Market  
1115 Broad Ripple Ave.

**THURSDAY, JULY 24 • 4 - 6:30 PM**  
38th & Meridian Farmers Market  
3808 N. Meridian St.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 • 9:30- 11:30 A.M.**  
City Market/Original Farmers Market  
222 E. Market St.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 • 8:30-11:30 A.M.**  
Waterman's Family Farm  
7010 E. Raymond St.

**SATURDAY, JULY 12 • 8:30-11:30 A.M.**  
Waterman's Family Farm  
7010 E. Raymond St.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 • 8:30-11:30 A.M.**  
Broad Ripple Farmers Market  
1115 Broad Ripple Ave.

**SUNDAY, JULY 13 • 12 - 3 P.M.**  
Irvington Farmers Market  
5301 E. St. Clair St.; Ellenberger Park

WIC Farmers' Market checks will only be distributed at these events on a first-come, first-served basis.





# Heat, wind, cold, rain and snow - EHSM crews still get the job done

**What's it like to spend eight hours a day, every day outside – whether that means bitter cold or scorching heat?**

The Department of Environmental Health Safety & Management (EHSM) field staff has to endure varying weather conditions all the time, adapting to each situation they encounter. Even though working out in the elements can be very difficult, EHSM staff always makes it work. Challenging conditions extend beyond temperature – during winter, snow and ice cover make driving difficult and reduced visibility can create even more challenges. Employee safety is the top priority when nature doesn't cooperate - In order to promote safe working conditions for EHSM staff, the management team works constantly, analyzing and evaluating the working conditions each day based on the weather. An internal safety advisory committee team has been formed to provide management staff with feedback on how to continue improving working conditions and employee safety. Feedback covers issues such as proper gear and further skills on driving and operating heavy-duty equipment under hazardous conditions. The committee is made up of employee representatives from each of the four EHSM crews.

Though weather-related incidents still happen from time



to time, EHSM employees do a remarkable job adapting to challenging conditions. During the past year, productivity has remained steady and high – the department has even managed to reduce the average response time for trash complaints from three weeks to two. But employees are still ready if nature doesn't cooperate.

Special thanks to Kip Mibey and the whole EHSM team for going outside all day, every day and getting the job done!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

21, 28

#### **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.

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#### **Eskenazi Health Stride**

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.

### JUNE

4, 11, 18, 25

#### **ABCs of Diabetes**

Free diabetes management education for diabetes patients and friends or family of patients who wish to become more informed. Register by phone at 221-2094 or online at [mchd.com/diabetes](http://mchd.com/diabetes).

Marion County Public Health Department  
3838 N. Rural St., 46205  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

4, 11, 18, 25

#### **Free Blood Lead and Consumer Product Testing**

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

### JULY

6, 13, 20, 27

#### **ABCs of Diabetes**

Irvington Branch Library  
5625 E. Washington St., 46219  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

6, 16, 23, 30

#### **ABCs of Diabetes**

Nora Branch Library  
8625 Guilford Ave., 46240  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30

#### **Free Blood Lead and Consumer Product Testing**

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

## Health & Hospital Corporation names new Chief of Staff



Tavonna Harris Askew has been promoted to chief of staff for the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County. Askew assumed her new job responsibilities on April 1, 2015. For the past three years, Askew has served as the corporation's vice president and general counsel and the previous five years as deputy general counsel and director of HIPAA compliance.

"Tavonna is a great leader, thinker and problem solver," said

Matthew Gutwein, president and CEO, Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County. "She is highly effective at bringing people together to achieve important results. I am grateful she has accepted this new responsibility of service as chief of staff."

"Tavonna is trusted and respected within the corporation and throughout the community," said Dr. Virginia A. Caine, director, Marion County Public Health Department. "Her dedication to improving public health and her willingness to work alongside the health department has had a significant impact on improving the health of our community."

Askew received a Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. She is admitted to practice law in the State of Indiana and in the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern districts of Indiana.

"The Board has benefited from Mrs. Askew's legal guidance and level-headed way of thinking," said Dr. James Miner, chairperson, Health & Hospital Corporation Board of Trustees. "She has effectively led us through complex negotiations and has been a reliable source of advice and counsel. We are confident that the organization will continue to flourish under her leadership."

"We are excited to have Tavonna working with Eskenazi Health on continued innovation in the interest of the highest level of care for our community's most vulnerable residents," said Dr. Lisa Harris, CEO, Eskenazi Health.

Askew's civic activities include the Women's Fund of Central Indiana Advisory Board, the Legacy House Board of Directors, and the Indiana Health Advocacy Coalition. She is also a member of the Indiana Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Lacy Leadership Association, and a Diamond Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is a graduate of the Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series, Class XXXIV; and the 2008 Diversity Leadership Academy of Greater Indianapolis. Askew also served on the Indiana Lawyer's Women in the Law Planning Committee, as a mentor in the YWCA Mentoring Program, and as a Big Sister in the Big Brothers and Sisters Program of Central Indiana. She was a member of the 2014 IBJ Class of Forty under 40 and was a Junior Achievement of Central Indiana Best & Brightest honoree in 2013 and 2014.

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**Indiana's Tobacco Quitline**  
**QuitNowIndiana.com**



Dr. Virginia Caine addresses an assembled crowd at a public town hall meeting to share the results of the Community Health Assessment, answer questions and receive feedback as MCPHD moves forward with its Community Health Improvement Plan, which will be a collaborative effort with the Indiana University Fairbanks School of Public Health.

# MCPHD In The Community



What would happen if an unexpected incident left Marion County's water supply unsafe for humans to use? MCPHD met with Citizens Water and other public agencies to rehearse a coordinated response to keep citizens safe in the event of a water-related emergency. Emergency response is a highly detailed and labor-intensive process, from investigating and resolving incidents to managing the timely release of accurate information and providing assistance to citizens who may have been affected or injured by the incident.



## Reclaiming the Village holds job readiness event

Reclaiming the Village held its annual job readiness program on March 14. Young men were able to polish their resumes, fill out practice job applications, learn about how to conduct themselves during interviews and on the job and practice their professional skills during mock interviews with HHC employees.





# MCPHD In The Community



## Healthy Start offers bilingual programming

Indianapolis Healthy Start is proud to announce that it is now offering bilingual educational programming to support even more families. In April, Healthy Start families got together at the Avondale Meadows YMCA for cooking demonstrations, food prep and storage tips and nutritional education. Sessions were held concurrently in both English and Spanish.



## Dr. Virginia Caine receives 2015 Mme. C. J. Walker Award from Center for Leadership Development

Virginia Caine, M.D., Director of Public Health for the Marion County Public Health Department, received the Mme. C. J. Walker Award for Outstanding Woman of the Year at the 35th annual Minority Achievers Awards and Scholarship Gala, held in March in Indianapolis. Dr. Caine was honored for her outstanding work promoting and advancing public health on the local, national and international scale through innovative programming and cooperative efforts. Dr. Caine is shown here with Eskenazi Health CEO Dr. Lisa Harris and HHC President and CEO Matthew Gutwein.



# 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
Chronic Disease Prevention .....	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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