

Mat-Su Vaccine Coalition

CORE VALUES:

COLLABORATION, EDUCATION,
PRIMARY PREVENTION

CORE PURPOSE:

ALL OF THE MAT-SU REGION
POPULATION WILL BE PROTECTED FROM
VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES

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SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- National Immunization Month August 2010 (Google and use their tool kit in your community or practice)
- National Infant Immunization Week April 27-May 1st (Google and use their tool kit in your community or practice)
- Alaska Maternal Child Health and Immunization Conference September 27-29 Anchorage, AK To register: www.confcooor.com OR for more information on topics and speakers contact Bridget McCleskey at confcoor@gci.net

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*Love Them, Protect Them
Immunize Them*

It is Spring and a Newsletter is Born!



Why a Coalition?

Have you ever wondered how can we protect "everyone" from vaccine preventable diseases? No one physician office can do it alone. Seven public health nurses cannot do it themselves. No single medical clinic or pharmacy can do it all. We know that some medical clinics and/or medical offices have opted out of providing vaccine services. So what happens when another H1N1 type situation, or something worse, occurs? The research and plan of Healthy People 2010 aims at a 90% childhood vaccine rate to prevent spread of vaccine preventable disease in children and to, as well, lay a foundation for the prevention of spread of preventable disease in adulthood. (Healthy People 2010)

"Cold Chain" is a "Cool Thing"



Hello from Carol Koliadko Public Health Nurse and the Beast (not Beauty and the Beast!) We call our large vaccine refrigerator the "Beast". Does your refrigerator have a name?

In all seriousness, you don't need a 'beast' of a refrigerator. Whatever vaccine storage

What is Alaska's rate?

Alaska's childhood vaccine rate is a 64% (National Immunization Survey 2008)

Vaccine coverage can only be done with collaboration of system players that make it a point to stay educated, prepared and carry on the process of primary prevention. That is what a coalition is all about! Yes, you have heard it before, "Playing well with others" And though it is not a game we are playing it is a serious competition against the bacteria and virus population that would otherwise win against the human population.

Spring Into Action!

Dr. Karen Impson, active participant with Mat-Su Vaccine Coalition, has sparked the interest and plans for a "Mobile Vaccine Project". The project aim is to allow further access of vaccinations for children as they register for school in August. A working group is being formed to plan this project. More news forthcoming in the Fall edition.

Although it is Spring, it is never too late to plan for future, timely tactics.



Mat-Su Vaccine Coalition Page

Thanks to the generosity of Stacy Peterson in cooperation with Dr. Laura Peterson, a web-page is being created for the purpose of professional, as well as, community education, information and support related to vaccines and vaccine preventable diseases.

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Web page manager

