April is National Minority Health Month and was established by the U.S. Congress in 2002 in an effort to reduce health disparities and improve the health status of minority populations. This year’s theme, “Advance Health Equity Now: Uniting Our Communities to Improve Health Outcomes,” is a call to action for anyone involved in reducing health disparities. The Florida Office of Minority Health (OMH) invites you to join them in recognizing and promoting initiatives to advance health equity during a month-long series of activities, including a webinar on April 24th at 2 pm addressing “Ethnic Diversity and Cultural Competency in Cancer Care.” For more information, visit the OMH website or contact Cheryl Graham.

May is Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S. Anyone can get skin cancer, but some people are at increased risk due to a combination of genetic factors and behaviors. Learn more about this potentially deadly cancer and what you can do to decrease your risk:

- Risk Factors
- Skin Cancer Prevention
- How to Check Your Skin
- Sunscreens and Tanning
- Types of Skin Cancer

The CCC Program would like to remind everyone to be smart in the sun and avoid indoor tanning. Indoor tanning (tanning beds, booths or sun lamps) has been linked with multiple types of skin and eye cancers. People who begin indoor tanning before age 35 have a 75% higher risk of melanoma. For more information on indoor tanning, visit the CDC website.

Listen to these Podcasts for a brief health message from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): A Minute of Health with CDC and A Cup of Health with CDC.

HB0301/SB0422—Creates the “Cancer Treatment Fairness Act” requiring that coverage for orally administered cancer treatment medications is provided on a basis no less favorable than that required by the policy for intravenously administered or injected cancer treatment medications.

HB0079/SB0126—Requiring that mammography reports include a statement regarding breast density.

For more information, visit Online Sunshine.
CancerCare presents the following free Connect® Education Workshops (all are from 1:30—2:30 pm EST): All sessions are free and pre-registration is required.

- **“Going the Distance: Thriving and Surviving with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia” Workshop Series**
  - April 24: Part II—Sharing Responsibility for Your Care
  - June 19: Part IV—When Your Loved One Has CML: How Caregivers Can Help Improve Adherence

- **“Living with Prostate Cancer” Workshop Series**
  - April 26: Part I—Understanding the Molecular Portrait of Prostate Cancer
  - May 24: Part II—Advances in the Treatment of Metastatic Prostate Cancer
  - June 11: Part III—For Caregivers: Coping with a Loved One’s Metastatic Prostate Cancer

- **“Living With Metastatic Skin Cancer” Workshop Series**
  - May 10: Part I—New Perspectives in the Treatment of Metastatic Skin Cancer: Basal Cell & Squamous Cell Cancers
  - June 14: Part II—Emerging Treatments for Metastatic Melanoma

- May 7: “My Cancer Circle: A Support Network for Caregivers”
- May 15: “Progress in the Treatment of Oral and Head and Neck Cancer”
- May 17: “Advances in the Treatment of Lung Cancer”
- May 23: “Update on Glioblastoma”

1 Approved for one Contact Hour to Social Workers
2 Submitted for approval for one Continuing Professional Education Unit (CPEU) for Registered Dietitians (RDs)

You can participate by listening to this workshop on the telephone or via live streaming through the Internet. For more information or to register online, visit CancerCare online or call 1-800-813-HOPE (4673). Past workshops are archived here.

The Healthy Weight Collaborative Action Kit, developed by the National Initiative for Children’s Healthcare Quality (NICHQ), was designed to help spread the lessons learned from the Healthy Weight Collaborative to those interested in making changes in their communities.

The MD Anderson Cancer Center is offering Free Online Cancer Survivorship Courses to help healthcare professionals understand how best to approach and manage care for cancer survivors. Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits are available for most of the sessions.

Many speakers from the 2012 Biennial Cancer Survivorship Conference have provided public access to the slides from their conference presentations here. For issues accessing these materials, contact Asha Menon.

Living Proof is a new iPad and iPhone app full of video stories from African American breast cancer survivors. It is based on a decade of research, free and easy to use.

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) launched a free web-based utility designed to assist hospitals, non-profit community based organizations, state and local health departments, financial institutions, engaged citizens and other key stakeholders in understanding the needs and assets of their communities. www.CHNA.org offers comprehensive GIS mapping, analytic and reporting tools to facilitate the assessment of community health.

On April 19th, the Surgeon General conducted a Symposium on the Florida System of Cancer Research and Collaboration.

For information on upcoming symposiums, visit the DOH Online Newsroom.
Tools and Resources, continued...

The CCC Program has developed this two-sided card to remind Floridians how to live a healthy lifestyle and reduce their risk of cancer. Attached is a tomato cutout that is made of plantable paper embedded with tomato seeds for recipients to grow tomatoes. On the back side of the card, there is information on the four behavioral pillars of cancer prevention as described in NCI’s Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS) Brief. There are limited supplies, but to request free copies of these tomato seed cards, email Ali Polsky with the quantity desired and how you plan to disseminate them!

Cancer in the News

“Factoring in the deadly math of cancer” - Science Daily, February 21, 2013

“Screening Could Avert 12,000 Lung Cancer Deaths Each Year in the United States” - Science Daily, February 25, 2013

“Study Sees More Breast Cancer at Young Age” - New York Times, February 26, 2013

“Cancer Survival: Where You’re Treated Matters” - Science Daily, March 1, 2013

“Genomic Screening for Improved Public Health” - Science Daily, March 7, 2013


“Number of Cancer Survivors in U.S. Expected to Increase to 18 Million by 2022” - Science Daily, March 27, 2013
Funding Opportunities

**Let’s Move Salad Bars to Schools** is an initiative for any school, public or private, participating in the National School Lunch Program can apply for a start-up award to help pay for salad bar equipment. Visit the website for details about the benefits of salad bars, resources to help roll out salad bars in schools, and to apply online.

**CVS Caremark** provides CVS/pharmacy gift cards to community-based organizations whose missions are vital to helping children and families in markets where we live and work. Click here to apply.

The **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)** is interested in supporting conferences that help to further its mission to improve the quality, safety, efficiency and effectiveness of health care for all Americans. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. See the grant announcement for more information or to apply.

The **Childhood Obesity Rapid Response Fund** is providing a funding opportunity to 501(c)3 organizations to support promising ongoing public policy change campaigns. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and range from $5,000 to $75,000. For more information, see their website or contact Aaron Doeppers.

**Wells Fargo** is interested in supporting programs and organizations whose chief purpose is to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and families. Grants are available for projects to keep communities strong, diverse, and vibrant in the areas of community development, education, human services, arts and culture, civic engagement and the environment. Applications are accepted online on a rolling basis.

**Boeing** is interested in promoting the economic well-being and health of vulnerable communities through job training programs, social enterprises, programs that bring business to low-income communities, collaborations that coordinate healthcare services and economic self-sufficiency, community-based programs that address disparities in healthcare and projects that improve the efficiency of health and human services systems, including food, housing and healthcare. Apply online here.

**Gardening Grants:**

- **Annie’s Grants for Gardens:** For community gardens, school gardens and other educational programs that connect children directly to gardening. Funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other needed supplies. $500 for new gardens, $1500 for existing gardens
- **Feed the Children S.E.E.D. Program:** In addition to providing seed packets to Title 1 schools through our Kid’s School Basics program, Feed the Children is also providing seed packets to schools across the country that are starting or continuing a school garden or outdoor classroom. Schools can email Tina Thompson directly for more information.

**NCI Funding Opportunities:**

- **Cancer Prevention, Control, Behavioral Sciences, and Population Sciences Career Development Award:** to support the career development of junior investigators with research of health professional doctoral degrees who want to become cancer-focused academic researchers in cancer prevention, cancer control, or the behavioral or population sciences. Applications will be accepted through January 7, 2015.
- **Bioengineering Research Grants:** to foster the development of an innovative technology, model, technique, design or method that has the potential for significant impact on biomedical research by infusing principles and concepts from the qualitative sciences. Applications open on May 5 and will be accepted through May 8, 2016.

Are you aware of other funding opportunities? Let us know!
Events

Stupid Cancer is hosting The 6th Annual OMG! Cancer Summit for Young Adults April 25—28 in Las Vegas, NV.

The University of California at San Francisco is hosting The Virtual Symposium on Radiation Safety in Computed Tomography May 8-10 and can be seen by anyone with a computer.

The University of South Florida is hosting Health Camp Tampa, The Unconference Conference, an opportunity to showcase innovations that are transforming healthcare, on May 10 in Tampa, FL.

The University of California and the California Breast Cancer Foundation are hosting From research to action: two decades of change May 17—18 in Costa Mesa, CA.

The Health Choice Network is hosting their 19th Annual Educational Session and Health Care Quality Institute on Health Care Reform: Navigating Our Future June 7—9 in Marco Island, FL.

The University of Florida Health Disparities Research and Intervention Program is hosting The People’s Scientific Conference to Promote Health and Eliminate Health Disparities June 14—15 in Gainesville, FL.

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) is hosting The 2013 NIMHD Translational Health Disparities Course: Integrating Principles of Science, Practice and Policy in Health Disparities Research from August 5—16 in Bethesda, MD. The course is free but admission is competitive and daily attendance is required. Applications are due May 15.

The Florida Society of Oncology Social Workers is hosting their Annual Conference on Catching the Wave: The Next Generation of Oncology Social Work August 28—30 in Orlando, FL.

The Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is hosting a Centers for Disease Control Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Conference October 10—11 in Chicago, IL.

The American Institute for Cancer Research is hosting their Annual Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer November 7—8 in Bethesda, MD.

The Florida Rural Health Association is hosting their Annual Summit—Setting the Healthcare Table for Rural Florida November 20—22 in Gainesville, FL.

This year, you can fight back against cancer by enrolling in the American Cancer Society’s research study called the Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3)

By joining CPS-3, you can help researchers better understand the genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors that cause or prevent cancer, which will ultimately save lives. Participation is open to anyone between the ages of 30—65 who has never been diagnosed with cancer and is willing to make a long term commitment to the study which involved completing periodic follow-up surveys. To find enrollment sites and dates across Florida, visit the CPS-3 website.

For information about what your regional collaborative in your area is doing, visit their websites listed below.

Northwest Florida Cancer Control Collaborative
Northeast Florida Cancer Control Collaborative
North Central Florida Cancer Control Collaborative
East Central Florida Cancer Control Collaborative (Coming soon!)
Southeast Florida Cancer Control Collaborative
Facebook: So Fla Fighting Cancer
Southwest Florida Cancer Control Collaborative

The Southeast American Indian Council (SEAIC) focuses on needs assessments, preventive education and quality of life for American Indians. Membership is open to anyone of American Indian heritage. Email dpainter@seamericanindian.org or call Dr. Dewey Painter at (904) 208-0857 for an application or for more information.

To be added to the contact list for any of these collaboratives, send an email request to Cancer@doh.state.fl.us.
Cancer Stakeholder

QUIT USING TOBACCO TODAY with help from Tobacco Free Florida. The Florida DOH’s Tobacco Free Florida (TFF) Program knows quitting can be very hard, but it is not impossible. With the right help, resources, and the support to keep you going, TFF can give you the best chance to quit for good—in fact, TFF’s quit services can double your chances of quitting any form of tobacco for good. For each person, overcoming nicotine addiction is different and TFF can help you choose a path to quitting that works for you.

TFF offers three free and convenient resources to help tobacco users quit—Call, Click, or Come In!

CALL: Call the Florida Quit-line at 1-877-U-CAN-NOW (1-877-822-6669) to speak with a Quit Coach who will help you assess your addiction and help you create a personalized quit plan. Quit coaches are available for adults, youth, pregnant women, and spit-tobacco users. Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) is available free of charge to Florida QuitLine callers.

CLICK: Enroll in the Web Coach, which will help you create your own web-based quit plan that’s right for you.

COME IN: Visit the Florida Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Network’s website to locate a local AHEC and sign up for Quit Smoking Now (QSN) group classes. QSN is a program written by ex-smokers. Participants meet once a week and facilitators will provide the information and tools needed to become tobacco free. Some AHEC programs supply free NRT as well. To register, call 1-877-QUIT-NOW-6 (1-877-848-6696).

For health professionals interested in facilitating Quit Smoking Now classes, find a training here.

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www.ahectobacco.com

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