

The

CULTURAL LINK



APRIL
2005

Child Abuse Prevention Month

APRIL QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What do the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Medicaid and Avon have in common?

Email your response to nwosu@etsu.edu by 4:30 pm on April 24. Please include your full name and telephone number with your response. A prize will be awarded to one person who answers correctly.

The answer to the March question: The cause of greatest mortality among women worldwide is C. Tuberculosis. TB annually claims more than 600,000 women's lives worldwide. Source: Tuberculosis: Tennessee Fact Sheet <<http://www2.state.tn.us/health/FactSheets/tb.htm>> and JEET <http://www.ourjeet.com/general/tb_women.asp>

Did You Know?— Child Abuse Prevention Month

- Boys and girls are about equally likely to be victims of abuse. Children of all races and ethnicities experience child abuse.
- Child Protective Services (CPS) receives more than 50,000 reports of suspected cases each month, two-thirds of which provide enough information to begin an investigation.
- More than half of reports to CPS come from professionals; 8% came from health personnel in 2002.
- On average, 4 children die daily due to abuse or neglect. In 2002, 41% of abuse fatalities were under 1 year old.

Source: National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse & Neglect Information <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/topics/prevention/childabuse_neglect/scope.cfm>

Arts, Cultural, and Health Awareness Events at ETSU

Sign Language Workshop Series Begins	4/5 5 PM	Rogers Stout, 437
Well-A-Palooza, and National Alcohol Screening Day	4/6 10 AM	Pedestrian Walkway
Mt. Mitchell: An Environmental History	4/11 7 PM	Arch. of Appalachia, 4th fl Sherrod
Women's Health Series: Control Your Bladder Before It Controls You	4/12 12 PM	Lunch Break Seminar Culp Forum Room
The Summit Awards— Honor Distinguished Student Leaders & Student Led Programs	4/12 6 PM	Centre at Millennium Park
Unity Fest— Celebration of Cultures on Campus	4/14 1—7 PM	The Cave, Culp Center
Children of a Lesser God by Mark Medoff; directed by Bobby Funk	4/14 - 17 7:30 PM	Bud Frank Theatre Admission charge
Symposium: The Media and Appalachia Registration and fee required	4/14—15	Centre at Millennium Park
Book Discussion: Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man by Fanny Flagg	4/20 12 PM	WRC, Panhellenic Hall basement

APRIL OBSERVANCES

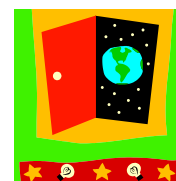
Topics of Interest In this Issue

Child Abuse Prevention Month Minority Cancer Awareness Week, 17—23
Kick Butts Day, 13

Other Observances in April

Cancer Control Month
Donate Life Month
STD Awareness Month
Alcohol Free Weekend, 1—3
Daylight Savings Time Begins, 3
National Public Health Week, 4—10
World Health Day, 7
Jewish Passover, 24—30
Wesah, Vesah or Buddah Day, 24
Arbor Day, 29

Earth Day
2005



Protect Our Children &
Our Future
<<http://www.earthday.org/>>

Article of the Month

Windham AM, Rosenberg L et al. Risk of mother-reported child abuse in the first 3 years of life. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 28 (2004): 645-667. http://com.etsu.edu/webfiles/oca/mother-reported_child_abuse.pdf

Summary: In this prospective study, a sample of mothers of newborns identified as at-risk for child abuse (n=595), were part of an early home visitation program. Families received annual assessments for two types of child maltreatment: severe physical abuse and abuse of child's self-esteem. Independent variables investigated were: family socio-demographics, parity, mother's social support, maternal depression, maternal drug or alcohol abuse, partner violence, child's age, child's gender, low birth weight/small for gestational age (SGA), and mother's perception of child's demand level. Associations with maltreatment were examined using analysis of longitudinal data. Severe physical assault was associated with parent characteristics of maternal depression and partner violence, and with child characteristic SGA. Assault on child's self-esteem was associated with maternal depression, maternal illicit drug use, partner violence, and mother's perception of child's demand level. Mothers of SGA babies were at significantly more risk for physical assault regardless of mother's perception of demand. Abuse was not associated with mother's age, education, race, parity, or household income. This study depended on mother's self-reports of child abuse and did not report on abuse by the biologic father or other caregivers. The authors discuss the implications of research on the design of home visitation programs and social service policy.

HEALTH LINKS ON DIVERSITY

The listing below represents just a few of the resources intended to promote knowledge, awareness and discussions on diversity in health care for our students and faculty.

TOPIC

TITLE & LOCATION

MINORITY CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program– Reducing Mortality Through Screening <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/about.htm>

Disaggregating data on Asian and Pacific Islander women to assess cancer screening http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=15261901

Assessing Cancer Beliefs in an Immigrant Chinese Community <http://www.moffitt.usf.edu/pubs/ccj/v10s5/pdf/22.pdf>

Racial and ethnic disparities in the receipt of cancer treatment <http://jncicancerspectrum.oupjournals.org/cgi/reprint/jnci.94/5/334.pdf>

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect: Safe children and healthy families are a shared responsibility <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/topics/prevention/index.cfm>

Risk Factors for infant maltreatment: a population based study http://com.etsu.edu/webfiles/oca/Risk_factors_for_infant_maltreatment.pdf

Issues Associated with Child Abuse & Neglect <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/topics/issues/mental.cfm>

KICK BUTTS DAY: Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids



The Toll of Tobacco in Tennessee <http://tobaccofreekids.org/reports/settlements/toll.php?StateID=TN>

Youth Access– Key Findings of State Tobacco Control Policy 2004 <http://www.lungusa.org/site/pp.asp?c=dvLUK9O0E&b=308853>

Teen & Youth Smoking Articles from Around the World <http://www.tobacco.org/articles/category/youth/>

For more information or assistance contact Elaine Evans, Reference Assistant, COM Library, evanse@etsu.edu.