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The VICNetwork Virtual Voice

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VICNetwork Webinars for 2014

The VICNetwork team is putting together a dynamite series of webinars that will be broadcast over the next twelve months. Watch your Inbox for an announcement about our next one in December 2013 on improving vaccine confidence.

The Virtual Immunization Communication (VIC) Network strives to educate local and national health organizations, coalitions, public health departments, communication specialists and health care providers about effective immunization communication strategies, the importance of utilizing new media technologies to convey consistent immunization messages and current immunization issues.

You will find past webinars archived at www.vicnetwork.org under Events > **Archived Webinars**. Keep up with immunization news and info via our Twitter site and Facebook pages. Follow us @VICNetwork and Like us at www.facebook.com/VICNetwork.

We also invite you to use the VICNetwork to share information about your upcoming events and special projects. Send us the information and we'll be happy to share it in our next newsletter or on-line calendar. Thank you for your ongoing support and participation.

National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions

"Partnering for Prevention from Sea to Summit," is the theme of the **11th National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions** (NCIHC) which will take place in Seattle, WA from May 21-23, 2014. NCIHC is the only conference solely dedicated to collaboration and

[Coalition \(IAC's\) New and Information Webpage](#)

[CDC Adolescent Immunization Scheduler](#)

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partnership as a way to improve the health status of communities. Keynote speakers will include Dr. David Williams, Dr. William Foege, Dr. Wendy Sue Swanson (Seattle Mama Doc), and Sara Rosenbaum, JD.

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for presentation at the conference. Abstracts are welcome from all disciplines, including coalition staff and members, community-based providers, healthcare providers, social workers, researchers, government agencies, health communication specialists, and others. Abstracts are due **December 6, 2013**. Go to the [Call for Abstracts page](#) to learn more.

Registration information will be posted soon. Go [here](#) for more details.

National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP)

A hearing of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform may be scheduled to review the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP) in early December. There is concern that this hearing may not only address concerns regarding the NVICP, but will once again bring into question the long ago put-to-rest hypothesis that vaccines cause autism. Every Child By Two (ECBT) is urging people to contact members of the House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform to request that the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program remain in effect and that the focus of the upcoming hearing should concern areas where the program can be improved, without digression into other matters.

In 1986, Congress passed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Compensation Act to create a no-fault alternative to the tort system (i.e., the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program). This program is very important to the continuing success of the U.S. vaccination program and a support to all individual vaccine providers. Please connect with Every Child By Two via Facebook or the Shot of Prevention blog to learn more.

Please read the [Every Child By Two News article](#) about this hearing, which includes talking points and details about how you can get involved.

New Resources from CDC to Improve HPV Vaccination Rates

Excerpted from Immunization Action Coalition's IAC Express - Issue #1086

The CDC has developed new resources to help healthcare professionals talk to parents and young adults about HPV vaccination. The campaign features the tagline "You are the key to HPV cancer prevention."

Campaign resources include a one-page sheet titled [Tips and Time-](#)

savers for Talking with Parents about HPV Vaccine, a customizable slide set on the burden of HPV-related cancers, links to HPV vaccination recommendations, fact sheets, Medscape commentaries for provider education, and handouts for parents and patients in English and Spanish.

Access the campaign overview page

Related Links

- **IAC's Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Disease & Vaccine web page**
- IAC's **HPV handouts for patients and providers**

CDC press release:

HPV vaccine: Safe, effective, and grossly underutilized

2014 Adult Immunization Schedule Approved at ACIP With Changes

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted unanimously to approve the 2014 adult immunization schedule.

The vaccine schedule will be revised based on recommendations from and will be reviewed by the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Physicians, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American College of Nurse Midwives. It will then be submitted to CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* on December 2, 2013, and published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* and *MMWR* in early February 2014.

Read more [here](#).

Resources from November 7 Webinar Immunization & Health Reform: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges

The Immunization Partnership recently sponsored a webinar on the Affordable Care Act and immunization on November . Expert speakers discussed major changes to immunization access through health care reform and challenges facing states without Medicaid expansion. Also reviewed were the resources that can help you reinforce the preventive role of immunization.

Speakers:

Patricia Gray, J.D., LL.M., Director of Research at the Health Law & Policy Institute, University of Houston Law Center

Litjen (L.J) Tan, MS, PhD, Chief Strategy Officer, Immunization Action Coalition

Robyn Correll Carlyle, MPH, The Immunization Partnership

For more information and view slides and other resources from the webinar go [here](#)

Advisory Commission of Childhood Vaccines; Request for Nominations for Voting Members

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is requesting nominations of qualified candidates to fill three vacancies on the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV).

For more information

2014 Public Health Law Conference

October 16 & 17 - Loews Atlanta Hotel | Atlanta, Georgia

The 2014 Public Health Law Conference will gather public health and legal experts from across the country to examine and discuss today's critical challenges in public health law. Leaders in the field will present on a range of emerging issues from a variety of perspectives. Attendees will return home inspired and equipped to improve public health with legal solutions.

Register now to get the early bird discount!

Attend the Public Health Law Conference to:

- Examine practical legal approaches to address priority public health issues
 - Learn about helpful public health law resources and evidence-based research
 - Discuss critical public health legal questions and answers
 - Build partnerships to accomplish public health objectives and foster innovation
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National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

17th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research (ACVR) provides high-quality, current reports of scientific progress and best practices featured in both invited presentations and submitted oral abstracts and posters. The conference will be held on April 28-30, 2014 in Bethesda, MD. **Call for Abstracts deadline is December 12, 2013.**

For more information

Thank You Vaccines

The California Immunization Coalition is launching an influenza vaccine awareness campaign in Los Angeles and San Diego Counties during the month of November in collaboration with Anthem Blue Cross Foundation-the Thank you for Vaccines campaign.

The Thank you Flu Vaccine campaign focuses on adults 65 years and older and reinforces the importance of getting a flu shot and staying flu free. The campaign illustrates how staying healthy and active allows us to spend quality time with the ones we love and encourages a spirit of gratitude for health and advancements (such as vaccines) that make life better.

The timing also coincides nicely with Thanksgiving - a time to reflect on family, our health and spending healthy time together. Although the bulk of the campaign is located in Southern California, web banners, posters and flyers will be shared with organizations throughout the state. These materials are a good reminder to older adults to make sure they are vaccinated before the holidays!

Watch their Twitter site @immunizeca, Facebook page and website for updates and resources. If you live in or are visiting Southern California let them know you saw one of the billboards and you will be entered into their billboard siting contest!

For more information www.immunizeca.org.

Join IAC's Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) urges qualifying healthcare organizations to apply for its **Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll**. The honor roll recognizes hospitals, medical practices, professional organizations, health departments, and government entities that have taken a stand for patient safety by implementing mandatory influenza vaccination policies for healthcare personnel. More than 300 organizations are now enrolled.

To learn more go [here](#).

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The **VIC Network** is a nationwide "virtual immunization community" of health educators, public health communicators and others who promote immunizations to exchange and share resources, materials and the best practices. This monthly e-update is designed to promote programs and events that will strengthen and build the network.

For more info or to submit an event or program e-mail info@vicnetwork.org

The Virtual Immunization Communication (VIC) Network is a project of the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) and the California Immunization Coalition.

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