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Greetings!

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 14, 2010.
Don't forget to move your clocks one hour ahead!

Mayor Bing Town Hall Meeting at ACC



ACC will host a City of Detroit Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Dave Bing on **Thursday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m.** Mayor Bing, key staff, and community leaders will discuss the impact and importance of the 2010 Census and their plans for economic development in the City of Detroit. The meeting will be held in the gymnasium at ACC's Youth Recreation and Leadership Center, located at 62 W. Seven Mile Road, Detroit.

This Town Hall Meeting will provide a forum for a meaningful exchange of ideas and solicit the continued support of the City of

Detroit as we join hands in making this area one of which we can all be proud. The meeting will close with questions from the audience. **Detroit residence and business owners are invited and encouraged to attend this important community meeting.**

ACC would like to recognize and thank the Mayor, the City of Detroit and the U.S. Census Bureau for their valued partnership and efforts in making this event a success.

ACC empowers clients to succeed

Submitted by: Crystal Mayo



On March 9th, ACC's City of Detroit JET (Jobs, Education and Training) Program partnered with the Detroit Public Library (main branch) to kick off its much-needed math and literacy tutorial project. This cutting-edge collaboration is aimed to improve basic literacy and math skills for welfare recipients who have scored low on mandatory TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) testing. Statistically, welfare recipients with low education skills stay on welfare the longest while those with stronger education skills quickly become more self-

sufficient.

"As we were working through some of the problems, suddenly the light went off, and I got it, I finally understood the procedure for completing 2 digit multiplication problems," said Danielle Loving

The TABE test is a mandatory program requirement assessing clients' reading and math levels for the purpose of placing them in training that would lead to employment opportunities and job marketability. It is our belief that once test scores are improved, options of higher training levels will become available, as well as a boost in self-confidence and esteem for clients. Hopefully, higher TABE test scores will also further encourage and motivate clients to reach for higher levels of education, if only to obtain their GED or high school diploma. Almost 50 percent of adults on welfare do not have a high school diploma or GED.

"I loved it," commented Jamie Bounty. ***"It's not just good for me, but I can also pass my new math skills on to my three daughters."***

Tutorial classes will be held every Tuesday, from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. (Math), and 11:30 to 12:30 P.M. (Reading/Reading Comprehension). For additional information, contact Crystal Mayo or Leo Carr at (313) 369-4700.

ACC hosts Blue Cross Blue Shield President and CEO

ACC, its Board of Directors, and Advisory Board hosted guest speaker Daniel Loepp, President and CEO for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, on Monday, March 8, 2010 at the ACC Youth Recreation and Leadership Center in Detroit.



Mr. Loepp's presentation highlighted the Blues mission of offering access to health care coverage for everyone, regardless of circumstances, never dropping coverage for health reasons, partnering with the state to cover more than 32,000 children through MICHild, providing financial support to 30 free clinics statewide, contributing more money than any other company to provide Michigan with better health and health care, and advocating and educating through Alliance for Advancing Nonprofit Health Care.

Following Loepp's presentation attendees were invited to stay for a light dinner and networking.

Twice a year ACC hosts a joint meeting of the boards where an individual who is a leader in their respective area of work is invited to present on current issues.

Promoting awareness of underage drinking

ACC's SEMCA Substance Abuse Prevention Program, in partnership with Global Education Excellence (GEE) and Students Against Alcohol Drugs And Violence (SAADV), will host a **Hamtramck Community Town Hall Meeting at 12:30pm on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at Bridge Academy, 9600 Buffalo Street**. This event is part of a national effort to increase understanding and awareness of underage drinking and its consequences, and to encourage individuals, families, and communities to address the problem.

Underage drinking continues to be a leading health problem in the United States. Alcohol use threatens the safe and healthy development of more young people than any other substance- even more than tobacco and illicit drugs! On an average day in 2006, 7,970 teens drank alcohol for the first time, a much higher number than those who began smoking or trying illicit drugs. Alcohol use among children and adolescents starts early and increases rapidly with age.

Town Hall Meetings are designed to alert and empower the community. We hope to give our local community the opportunity to come together to learn more about the new research on underage drinking and its impact on both individuals and the community, and to discuss how their community can implement the recommendations.

We hope to see you there!

For additional information, please contact Gus Shihab at (313) 369-3102.

Man Up for Health - Community Health Fair at ACC

MAN UP FOR HEALTH: HEALTHY MEN MOVE COMMUNITIES FORWARD

April is minority health awareness month, come and be empowered to move your health and wellbeing up in your life priorities. Strong men make healthy strong communities.

ACC, in partnership with the American Cancer Society, Detroit Community Health Connection, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Office of Minority Health, and Check Up or Check Out: an African American Health Initiative, invite you to attend this important health event.

"Man Up For Health" Community Health Fair
Thursday, April 1, 2010
10:00am - 1:00pm
ACC Youth Recreation & Leadership Center
62 W. Seven Mile Road, Detroit 48203

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Blessmen, Director of the Department of Health and Wellness Promotion, Detroit
Mr. Eddie Connor, author, educator, evangelist, and TV host

Services include: free food, health screenings, gift card give-a-ways, and interactive dialogue with health care professionals discussing the issues that plague minority male health, round table discussion, prizes, health information and More!

ACC Youth to play in McDonalds All American Game



ACC youth program participant Keith Appling was named to the 2010 McDonald's All-American Team on Feb. 11. Appling, who was named Mr. Basketball last year, is a 6-2 guard from Detroit's Pershing High School. He has helped lead his school to a second consecutive Public School League championship.

On March 31st, the McDonalds All American Games will bring the top high school basketball talent in the nation to Columbus, Ohio to raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Please join ACC in cheering on Keith Appling as he represents the West in the 33rd annual boys game.

The McDonald's All-American Game refers to each of the all-star basketball games played each year for boys' and girls' high school basketball graduates. Consisting of the top American players, each team plays a single exhibition game after the conclusion of the high school basketball season in an East vs. West format. As part of the annual event, there are the slam dunk contests, the three-point competitions, and overall timed skills competitions.

[Learn More](#)



Dream Out Loud Challenge for Youth

The Dream Out Loud Challenge:

How will your child change the world after going to college?

Michigan students (grades K-6) can enter a creative drawing, poem, essay or video telling us how they will change the world after college for a chance to win \$2,500 toward their future education! Teachers and principals could also win \$1,000 for their school! Michigan's 529 Plans - the Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP) and the Michigan Education Trust (MET) - are sponsoring the Dream Out Loud Challenge to help get Michigan K-6 students and their parents thinking about college and saving for it. By entering, you could win money for your child's future college education. The Dream Out Loud Challenge provides an excellent opportunity to promote the benefits of a college education and to inspire your children to think about how they can make a difference in the future.

You may enter your child's work, download the official entry form, view official rules and learn more about MESP and MET by visiting www.DreamOutLoudMI.com

Deadline for postmarked entries: March 15, 2010.
Entries must be received by March 25, 2010.



Public Health Community Events

Health Screenings For Oakland County Residents

Greater Pontiac Community Coalition Healthy Affair VIII "A Family Affair"

Saturday, April 17, 2010

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Welcome Baptist Church

143 Oneida Rd. Pontiac, MI 48341

For more information contact Chifon Dennis at 248- 335-8799

*Services Offered By Area Hospitals, Doctors, Oakland County Agencies and Health Care Professionals: Ask The Doctor Breast Exams Dentistry Screenings Hearing Test Ophthalmology Free Mammogram Vouchers Pediatrician Family Medicine *Teen/Children Health Screenings Vaccinations, Podiatry Breathing Test Foot/Leg Circulation Testing. *Teen/Children 17 & Under Must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian. Screenings: Blood Pressure Cholesterol Diabetes Nutritionist HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C Follow-up Care- Oakland Primary Health Services (OPHS) and Much, Much More!*

University of Michigan Cancer Center Outreach Events

Bringing up the Rear: Get the Facts on Colorectal Cancer Up Front

Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Ann Arbor District Library, Malletts Creek Branch 3090 East Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor

Hats & High Tea for Colon Cancer Awareness

Sunday, April 11, 3:00 - 5:30 pm

Kensington Court Hotel, Ann Arbor

A Conversation about HPV in our Community
Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch

Free Throat Cancer Screening
Saturday, April 17, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor

For additional details and registration information go to
http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/about/outr_each.shtml or call 734.998.7071

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