

FREE CLINIC NEWS

A quarterly newsletter to help keep you informed!

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June Educational Meeting

Looking for new resources for your clinic? Need help engaging your board? On June 24th the O AFC will be hosting **Steps to Excellence: Practical Resources for Your Clinic** from 10 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. The forum will be composed of administrative and clinical tracks, as well as an overview on the Quality Care Standards in free clinics. There will also be a showcase of low and no cost resources for free clinics across the state!

Make sure to bring your board members to this event! Dani Robbins of Non Profit Evolution will be hosting sessions going over the role of the board, and board engagement. Dani has served over 20 years in the non-profit arena, the majority in executive leadership positions. She works with a variety of nonprofit boards and executive leaders to implement stronger and better aligned organizations.

Since this will be the last day for current year-long VISTAS, there will also be a recognition for all of the hard work the VISTAs have accomplished over this past year!

Please sign up at ohiofreeclinics.org!

Current legislation could help clinics!

Having trouble recruiting volunteers in your clinic? There is current legislation pending that could help with that issue! House Bill 488 and Senate Bill 292, concurrent pieces of legislation, could help clinics by:

- Allowing certain health professionals to earn continuing education credits (CEUs) for their volunteer work in clinics by providing health care services to indigent and uninsured persons.
- Modifying the qualified immunity from civil liability for volunteer health care services provided to indigent and uninsured persons.
- Repealing provisions exempting delivery of a baby and certain operations from the immunity provisions.
- Modifying the circumstances under which health care providers are immune from liability for volunteer health care services provided to people eligible for the Medicaid program and Medicaid recipients.
- Requiring the Department of Health to prepare an annual report regarding the provision of volunteer health care services to indigent and uninsured persons.

If you think any of these changes would help your clinic, contact your State Representative or State Senator to tell them about your support of the bill!

National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics Conference

The NAFCC 2016 Symposium will be held in Orlando, Florida on September 11-13, 2016 at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort. What better place to join together for great educational sessions, important networking, and of course, a little celebration fun!

O AFC is willing to register everyone wanting to attend so that we can get the larger group discounts. If you want us to register you, we will pay all registration fees and then invoice you.

This is an awesome trip to consider attending and bringing some of your staff. The resort has offered extended packages for three days before and after the symposium so there will be plenty of time to have fun with the family!



There are a few spots left for special O AFC pricing for the conference, so let Deb Miller know if you'd like to attend ASAP! Contact her at deb@ohiofreeclinics.org

Clinic Spotlight: Physicians CareConnection

Physicians CareConnection has been selected by CelebrateOne and is charged with developing an effective centralized prenatal care intake and referral service to enhance women's ability to access prenatal care. CelebrateOne, greater Columbus' collective impact initiative to improve the health of babies, goal is to assure that all babies survive and thrive well past their first birthday. The infant mortality rate is the number of deaths by children under one year of age per 1,000 live births. In 2013, the infant mortality rate in Franklin County was 7.8 deaths per 1,000 births. Franklin County rates 71th out of Ohio's 88 counties and Ohio ranks 47th in the United States (source: Healthy Policy Institute of Ohio 2014 Health Value Dashboard).



Nearly 18,000 births occur in Franklin County each year, with nearly 50% of them experiencing economic, social and health challenges. Ohio women who recently had a baby reported several barriers to beginning prenatal care including: lack of available appointments; inability to pay for the visit; not receiving a Medicaid card early enough to begin care; being too busy; or not having necessary child care or transportation.

The new program coordinated by PCC is called StepOne for a Healthy Pregnancy. StepOne provides information to pregnant women (with an emphasis on those women that qualify for Medicaid coverage) regarding prenatal obstetric care options available to them within Columbus and Franklin County. They offer referrals to prenatal appointments, to home visiting, and other community resources. StepOne began a soft launch, providing services on January 11, 2016. On April 5, 2016 there was a community wide launch for these services. As of March 31, 2016 over 300 appointments for prenatal care have been scheduled. Pregnant women who need to see a doctor are encouraged to call 614-721-0009 for assistance.

June Educational Webinar

June 14th from Noon – 1p.m. – Sharon Sherlock, Executive Director of Reach Out of Montgomery County, will be hosting a webinar to go over Healthcare Hotspotting. Healthcare hotspotting is a data-driven process for the timely identification of extreme patterns in a defined region of the healthcare system. It is used to guide targeted intervention and follow-up to better address patient needs, improve care quality, and reduce cost.

Sign-up at www.ohiofreeclinics.org/news-events/webinars

If you have an idea for a future webinar, please reach out to Bekah at rtefft@ohiofreeclinics.org!

VOICEcorps: Broadcasts for Blind and Disabled Persons

VOICEcorps audio reading service broadcasts 24/7 to the central Ohio area served by WOSU-FM and via FM in the Portsmouth area. Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton and Youngstown also have reading services.



Who is eligible to listen to an audio reading service?

People who are blind, visually impaired or print-disabled can receive audio reading services. Verification of need is simple. A nurse, physician, social worker, teacher – and many others – may verify the need for service. Those who are already receiving Bureau of Vocational Services (BVS) or Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) complete the application, but do not require additional

verification.

What does the reading service cost?

VOICEcorps reading service is free. When a radio receiver is provided, a donation is requested. If the recipient is not able to make a donation, a sponsor is located to provide the receiver. No one is denied service for an inability to pay. Audio access via internet streaming is also available; listeners use a login ID.

What do listeners hear from the VOICEcorps reading service?

Volunteers read newspapers (city, state and national), magazines and books. Special interest programs feature topics related to pets, poetry, gardening, food, sports, business and anything else you can think of. The grocery and department store ads offer money-saving opportunities and are popular with listeners. Interview and talk show programs offer call-in opportunities to listeners and feature programs about physical and mental health, wellness, sports, fitness and other topics. Weather reports, lottery results and sports scores are also provided.

What do people like about listening to an audio reading service?

Listeners report feeling more connected and less isolated. They value knowing what's going on in their communities such the arts, festivals, musical events and human interest stories about veterans and others. They like information, entertainment and even the obituaries. Fiction and non-fiction books and articles about pets or sports provide topics for conversation with friends and relatives across the age span. Listeners say they feel more involved and aware.

When and where does broadcasting take place?

VOICEcorps programs are live, pre-recorded or rebroadcast from the VOICEcorps' studio at 2955 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. VOICEcorps is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 with a small staff, 250+ volunteers and more than 2500 listeners.

For more information visit the website, www.voicecorps.org or call 614.274.7650.

Calendar of Events

May

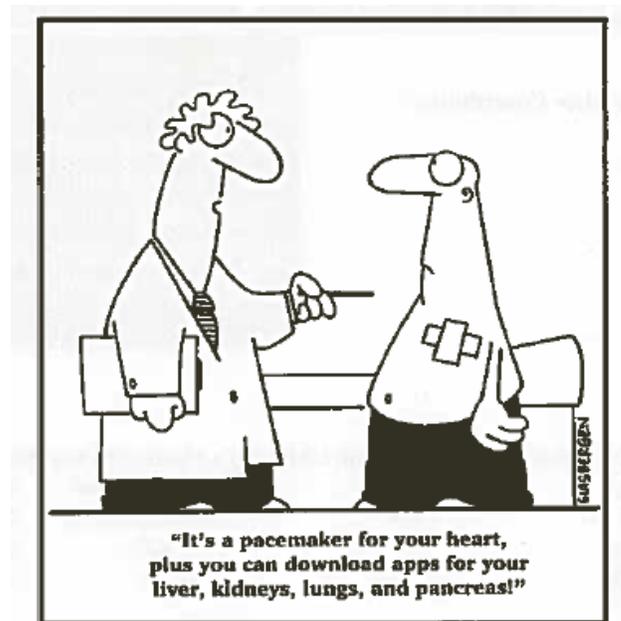
- 13 Northeast Ohio Clinic Meeting
- 20 Southwest Ohio Clinic Meeting

June

- 6 Summer VISTA Members Start
- 24 Year Long VISTA Members Start
- 24 **O AFC Forum – Steps to Excellence!**

July

- 4 **Independence Day (O AFC Closed)**
- 8 O AFC Board Meeting
- 15 Southeast Ohio Meeting
- 22 Northwest Ohio Meeting



- ❖ Want to share an event happening in YOUR clinic? Send info to: rtefft@ohiofreeclinics.org
- ❖ If you would like to join a committee, email rtefft@ohiofreeclinics.org and we will add you to the roster.

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OAFC Annual Meeting

If you receive Uninsured Care Funds (UCF) from the OAFC, you must have at least one clinic representative with the authority to vote on behalf of the clinic at the Annual Meeting. More details coming soon!