

A MATTER OF SUBSTANCE: AT-A-GLANCE

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DIVISION QUICK FACTS

Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse: The 36th Annual Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse will be held April 2-3 at the Veterans Memorial - Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in Des Moines. This year, Iowa is honored to have **Dr. H. Westley Clark, Director of SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)**, as a keynote speaker. Dr. Clark will present on *The Impact of Health Reform on Substance Abuse Treatment*. As always, the Governor's conference will include a broad range of breakout sessions on topics such as military culture, working with LGBTQI populations, telehealth, motivational interviewing, problem gambling and women, and binge drinking on college campuses. For more information, go to www.trainingresources.org.

Have you heard of CESAR?: The mission of the University of Maryland Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) is to inform policymakers, practitioners, and the general public about substance abuse -- its nature and extent, its prevention and treatment, and its relation to other problems. One way this communication happens is through the CESAR FAX. These one-page publications are e-mailed to subscribers weekly and address timely substance abuse issues. For more information about CESAR, or to sign up for the CESAR FAX, go to www.cesar.umd.edu.

Linda McGinnis Retiring: After more than eight years with IDPH, Linda McGinnis is retiring from the Bureau of Substance Abuse. During her time with the department, she has led several substance abuse prevention projects including the Youth Mentoring and Prevention Through Mentoring grants as well as the County Substance Abuse Prevention Services and Youth Development grants. Every two years, Linda has led implementation of the Iowa Youth Survey, the statewide survey of 6th, 8th and 11th graders about attitudes and actions about alcohol and drug use and other related concerns. When asked about her time with the department, Linda commented, "I appreciate all of the wonderful mentors and the great support I have had in my job here at IDPH. I've met so many dedicated folks across the state that made my job easier and more interesting. Thanks to all of you who do so much for the health of Iowans!" Linda's last day with IDPH is April 5. Until then, you can wish her well at linda.mcginnis@idph.iowa.gov.

IDPH Staff Member Honored: IDPH is pleased to announce that our very own **Michele Tilotta**, SBIRT program manager and ATR coordinator, has been selected as one of the **100 Great Iowa Nurses for 2013**. This award recognizes Michele and others for their meaningful and lasting contribution to humanity and to the nursing profession. Recipients are viewed as mentors to others and exemplify all of the principles on which the 100 Great Iowa Nurses celebration was founded. IDPH is proud to say that Michele is a part of our team! Congratulations Michele!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training

March 4-7, Johnston

For more information, go to www.counterdrugtraining.com.

Enforcing Alcohol Laws: Making a Difference in Our Community

March 19, Cedar Rapids

For more information, go to www.trainingresources.org.

Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse - Pre-Conference Sessions

- **Cultural Competency**
- **Designer Drugs**
- **Ethics for Substance Abuse Counselors**

April 1, Des Moines

Veteran's Memorial - Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center

For more information, go to www.trainingresources.org.

Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse

April 2-3, Des Moines

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Iowa Drug Endangered Children Conference

April 8, Altoona

For more information, go to www.blankchildrens.org/classes-and-events.aspx.

Governor's Conference on Public Health

April 9-10, Ames

Scheman Conference Center

For more information, go to www.iowapha.org.

Training Without Travel

Check out the online training courses available at www.trainingresources.org.

For more information about the Division of Behavioral Health, visit www.idph.state.ia.us/bh

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