

ResourceINFO

The following resources are typically linked to the issues featured in the Spring - Summer 2008 Edition of *CityLights*, Volume 17, No.4, "What's Hot in Public Health - 2009," published by CityMatCH, October 2009. Maureen Fitzgerald, MPA, Editor. They include a sampling of links to selected resources, supplementary information, data resources, national organizations and associations, federal programs, and other general information.

A. INTEGRATING HEALTH DEVELOPMENT INTO LIFE-COURSE MODELS

- The Featured speaker at the **2009 Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Conference** is David Barker, MD, PhD, FRCP, FRS, the pioneer of the Fetal Origins Hypothesis. This paragraph that follows, describing Dr. Barker and his achievements, is taken from the "MCH EPI" Conference website, located at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/MCHEpi/2009/AboutConference.htm>

"Dr. Barker is Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at Oregon Health and Science University and Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Southampton, UK. Twenty years ago he showed for the first time that people who had low birth weight are at greater risk of developing coronary heart disease and diabetes. This is now widely accepted. It has led to a new understanding that chronic adult diseases are "programmed" by malnutrition in the womb. Dr. Barker's work is relevant around the world. In the Western world many babies are malnourished because their mothers eat diets that are unbalanced and monotonous, or because their mothers are either overweight or excessively thin. In the Third World many babies are malnourished because their mothers were chronically undernourished when they were young. Dr. Barker has lectured and written extensively on nutrition in the womb and its life-long consequences. He has received a number of international awards including the Danone Nutrition Award and the Prince Mahidol Prize."

- **Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner** is mentioned in this story in regard to his work on ecological models/factors. Bronfenbrenner, a Russian American psychologist who passed away in 2005, is remembered not only for his Ecological Systems Theory, but also for co-founding the Head Start program for disadvantaged pre-school children. A decent biography is found at Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urie_Bronfenbrenner
- More about Dr. Bronfenbrenner can be found in a number of sites providing significantly more information about his work. For example:
 - Emory University's website provides a thorough description of his "**Ecological Theory - Sociocultural View Of Development**," at:
<http://www.des.emory.edu/mfp/302/302bron.PDF>
 - Cornell University provided an obituary with additional information, found here:
<http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Sept05/Bronfenbrenner.ssl.html>

- An assortment of memorable quotations from him can be found here: <http://www.poemhunter.com/quotations/famous.asp?people=Urie%20Bronfenbrenner>
- As an author, Urie Bronfenbrenner published a number of books. In Rebuilding The Nest, he lays out, **“Five Critical Processes for Positive Development.”** These are five propositions that describe the processes that foster the development of human competence and character. At the core of these principles is a child's emotional, physical, intellectual and social need for ongoing, mutual interaction with a caring adult--and preferably with many adults. This website offers a light glimpse into this: <http://www.montana.edu/www4h/process.html>
- We encourage readers to seek out and study the seminal works of both Barker and Bronfenbrenner.

B. PLACEMATTERS: ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES BY ADVANCING THE FAIR HEALTH MOVEMENT

- The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies is a research and public policy institutions that focuses wholly on issues of concerning African Americans and other people of color. Their research and information programs have informed and influenced public opinion and national policy to benefit not only African Americans, but every American. Located on the web at: <http://www.jointcenter.org/>
- Within the Joint Center is the **Health Policy Institute (HPI)**, whose mission is to *“ignite a Fair Health movement that gives people of color the inalienable right to equal opportunity for healthy lives.”* HPI’s research, publications, activities, and projects evoke collective strategies for change, and opportunities for health. Located on the web at: <http://www.jointcenter.org/hpi/>
- The official website of the Health Policy Institute’s PlaceMatters Initiative is found here: http://www.jointcenter.org/new_site/placematters.htm

C. TAKING ACTION TO ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES IN BOSTON

- **The Boston Public Health Commission** official website can be found here: <http://www.bphc.org/Pages/Home.aspx>
- The **Office of the Director (Dr. Barbara Ferrer)** is located here: <http://www.bphc.org/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Founded in 1980, **The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond (PISAB)** is a national and international collective of anti-racist, multicultural community organizers and educators dedicated to building an effective movement for social transformation. The People’s Institute “considers racism the primary barrier preventing communities from

building effective coalitions and overcoming institutionalized oppression and inequities.” They have developed and facilitate Undoing Racism™/Community Organizing Workshops, technical assistance and consultations, in order to help move beyond addressing the symptoms of racism to undoing the causes of racism, to create a more just and equitable society. Located on the web at: <http://www.pisab.org/>

D. ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES OF HEALTH DISPARITIES BY ADVANCING A LOCAL POLICY AGENDA

- **Alameda County Public Health Department** official website: <http://www.acphd.org/>
- Additional and updated information regarding their efforts to address root causes of health inequities through a local health policy agenda can be found at their **Health Equity Website**: <http://www.acphd.org/healthequity/>

E. FOCUS ON WOMEN TO ACHIEVE A HEALTHIER FUTURE

- The **American Community Survey (ACS)** is a nationwide survey designed to provide communities a fresh look at how they are changing. It is a critical element in the Census Bureau's reengineered decennial census program. The ACS collects and produces population and housing information every year instead of every ten years. Located on the web at: <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>
- **The Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research** website offers lots of information in the following categories:
 - **Conferences**: A list of Consensus Estimating and Impact conferences, results, schedule and statute.
 - **Population-Based Information**: Demographic information and Year as well as 2000 Census information.
 - **County Profiles**: Profiles include a wide array of annual economic and demographic statistics.
 - **Criminal Justice**: Conference results, criminal justice and juvenile justice information, sexually violent predator program.
 - **Redistricting & LUCA**: Information relating to elections, districts and Local Update of Census Addresses.
 - **Property Tax Study (HB 7109)** including Per Capita Personal Income, Official Population, Growth Rates and Majority Vote Rollback Tiers
 - **Reports: Data & EDR Forecasts**: EDR newsletters, EDR Forecasts, and periodic or special reports. Taxable sales, local and other data.
 - **Recent Presentations**: As it sounds, a list of EDR presentations recently given.

- *Florida Tax Handbook: FY 1999-00 through FY 2008-09.*
Citizen's Initiatives: Fiscal impacts related to proposed constitutional amendments.
- *Long-Range Financial Outlook: FY 2010-11 through 2012-13*

F. BRIDGING TWO WORLDS: WORKING WITH THE LATINO COMMUNITY TO REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY & IMPROVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- Official Website of the **National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy** is found at: <http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/>
- Check out their latest website featuring discussions about relationships, love and sex: **SEX: REALLY**, at <http://www.sexreally.com/>
- Their **Latino Initiative**: http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/espanol/default_eng.aspx
- And check out how they have approached finding youth “where they are” by visiting their site **on MySpace.com** at: http://www.myspace.com/latino_initiative

G. PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE IN COLORADO

- **Colorado Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Prevention: Promoting a Colorado of Healthy and Informed Teens.** COAPPP works to:
 - Support the capacity of youth serving organizations and local communities to effectively address the issues of adolescent reproductive and sexual health through training, technical assistance, and public education
 - Enhance and increase the understanding and implementation of science-based approaches and successful and promising practices to pregnancy and HIV/STD prevention among adolescents
 - Disseminate and analyze current research, data, and policies related to teen sexual and reproductive health and positive youth development
 - Advocate for teens, parenting teens, and their families through public policy and public education
 - Advance policies and programs that support the healthy development of parenting teens and their children

Located on the web at: <http://www.coapp.org/>

H. 2009-2010 CITYMATCH LEADERSHIP UPDATE

- **CityMatCH** is a freestanding national membership organization of city and county health departments' maternal and child health (MCH) programs and leaders representing urban communities in the United States. The mission of CityMatCH is to improve the

health and well-being of urban women, children and families by strengthening the public health organizations and leaders in their communities.

- Leadership opportunities found through election to the **Board of Directors** include active engagement in the Action Groups led by the **Executive Committee** of the Board. These action groups include the following:
 - **Organization Effectiveness Action Group**
 - **Education and Training Action Group**
 - **Policy and Communication Action Group**
 - **Health Equity and Social Justice Action Group**
- Participation on the **Conference Planning Committee** offers another exciting way to stay engaged in the future of CityMatCH and urban maternal and Child Health.
- Links to the Board's Action Groups and Conference Planning can be found at: <http://www.citymatch.org/board.php>