

Goldenrod Hills Blade

Health Services Happenings

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THE PROGRAMS OF GHCA

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Early Child Development Network
Operation Great Start
Operation Building Blocks

Weatherization

Weatherization Expansion Project

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

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Health Services Receives Funding for Cribs

A grant from the Cuming County Public Power District Operation Round Up program and a grant from Wal-Mart allowed Health Services to purchase cribs and Pack-n-Plays for low-income families. Every baby needs to sleep safely, but some area infants were lacking cribs simply because their families can't afford them. The cribs are for very low income families that have room and are living in stable housing and the Pack-n-Plays are for families that have small living quarters or do not live in stable housing. GHCA's two home visitation programs Operation Building Blocks and Operation Great Start are distributing the cribs/Pack-n-Plays. Operation Great Start is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services Maternal Child Health Title V Funding and Operation Building Blocks is funded through Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Services.



Babies Can't Wait!! For more information on the Early

Intervention Program or obtaining a developmental screening for your child call 1-402-371-7284.



The Immunization Program is gearing up for summer. The schedule is becoming increasingly busy. To schedule an appointment call the Wisner Office at 1-800-445-2505 or the Norfolk Office at 1-402-379-1380.



CLIENT COMMENT:
Keep doing a great job!

CLIENT COMMENT:
Its great that there are people that are bilingual, it's a big help to the ones that don't speak English

CLIENT COMMENT:
Everything is great, I love this service. It's helpful to me and my family. I'm not as stressed out as I use to be.

CLIENT COMMENT:
I like how it Immunizations is offered now daily. (in Norfolk)



Little Blujay's Preschool in Walthill Formed a New Partnership with the National Relief Charities Program

National Relief Charities (NRC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improve the quality of life for Native Americans living on remote and poverty-stricken reservations in the Plains and Southwest. All of NRC's work is centered around bringing material aid, educational support and onsite services that afford immediate relief to economically-depressed reservations. Typically, material donations take the form of: food, water, produce; personal hygiene items such as shampoo, toothpaste and soap; household cleaning products, toilet paper, and laundry detergent; linens and blankets; coats and winter clothing; and school supplies.

The Walthill Preschool staff provided a variety of volunteer opportunities and NRC distributes throughout the year to families and community members who took part in the center and community activities. One activity consisted of children, families and community volunteers working together to pick up trash around the Walthill community. In return, each family received a box of household supplies from the NRC program. The Walthill Preschool staff are currently planning activities and distributions in their community for the 2010-11 school year. For more information, visit the <http://www.nrcprograms.org>



HEAD START CLIENT COMMENTS

- ◇ Head Start gave my child social skills and better eating habits
- ◇ This program is/was the best thing for my daughter and myself, (I'm a single father w/full custody). I am so impressed with how this program has helped her bloom and become a wonderful person. Thank you for allowing my daughter the opportunity to be involved in the preschool program.
- ◇ It has taught both my child & I many great things they helped me w/budgeting, shopping, organizing & parenting skills and much more.
- ◇ I think our child has become more independent, more social, and more coordinated, and more respectful.
- ◇ My son just wants to learn, and show everyone what he has learned there and uses it in his day to day activities.

Wayne Head Start Spring Happenings Plays T-Ball, Listens to a Guest Speaker and Visits McDonalds



The first two photos starting on the left are of a fatherhood event; the children played T-ball with dads, uncles and male friends. The third picture is of a lifeguard who came to the center to share water safety during Summer Safety Week. The last picture is of a field trip to McDonalds led by one of our dad's at Head Start.



WIC will be Hiring New Breastfeeding Peer Counselors



The WIC office in South Sioux City will be adding Breastfeeding Peer Counselors to their staff this fall. A peer counselor is a WIC mother that lives in the community and has breastfed her own baby. She will be carefully selected by WIC staff to help mothers give their baby the healthiest start possible. The counselors will provide ongoing encouragement to mothers who are breastfeeding their baby through the following ways:

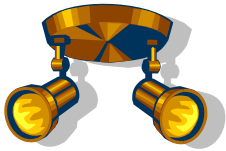
- ◇ Support will be offered outside of the normal workday hours
- ◇ Peer Counselors will form a bond and connection with families
- ◇ Mothers will receive help with managing common concerns
- ◇ The gap in services after discharge from the hospital will be filled

For more information about WIC or Breastfeeding Peer Counselors please contact Jan Donner, WIC Director at (402) 529-3513.

CLIENT COMMENT:

I have had all positive experiences so far!

CLIENT COMMENT: GHCA has been a blessing for me. My experience with GHCA has been exceptional. No room for improvement.



Spotlight on Three Family Services Programs

CLIENT COMMENT:

Thank you!

CLIENT COMMENT:

Great services for all families

CLIENT COMMENT:

Your service is great and made a wonderful difference in our lives. Thank you so much.



Youth Physical Activity Program

Thus far, GHCA has served 294 children with the Youth Physical Activity Program. This program funds various types of physical activity costs up to \$75 per child. The following are examples of activities: summer ball registration fees, swimming pool passes, swimming lessons, sport camps, school physical activities, summer/fall sports programs and community recreational memberships. The program will not pay for shoes, ball gloves or anything that has to be purchased from a retailer. This program will be available until September 30th 2010 or until funds are depleted. The Youth Physical Activity Program is being funded through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act administered through the Community Service Block Grant program.



Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)

The HPRP program focuses on housing stabilization through temporary assistance that serves as a bridge to long-term stability. It provides homelessness prevention assistance to households who would have otherwise become homeless due to the economic crisis. HPRP also provides assistance to rapidly re-house people who are homeless. To date, the program has helped 10 homeless households, 94 near homeless households and 314 individuals. HPRP is being funded through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act administered through the Housing and Urban Development program and the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program.



Volunteer Income Tax Preparation Program

GHCA staff prepared 677 income tax returns and 95 Homestead Exemptions. The Internal Revenue Service trains GHCA staff to help taxpayers e-file their tax returns or help prepare paper returns. The program is partially funded by the Internal Revenue Service and the Community Service Block Grant. The Internal Revenue Service specially trains volunteers to help individuals with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit and Credit for the Elderly for which you may qualify. GHCA staff helped their clients receive \$1,894,037.00 worth of tax credits and educational credits.



Hats off to Weatherization Staff!

Thus far, GHCA's Weatherization Program has weatherized 95 homes and have repaired or replaced 15 furnaces this year! Weatherization is funded through the Department of Energy, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the American Recovery Reinvestment Act.



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CLIENT COMMENT:
My wife and I would like to thank Goldenrod for saving our lives! We had no idea our furnace was in such a state of disrepair. We felt good this winter and did not suffer from headaches as we did last year. Thank you very much!

CLIENT COMMENT:
The services I received and the office staff were done very professional. The crew that worked on my house was efficient, neat and very friendly. There job has been beneficial to me and very much appreciated.

CLIENT COMMENT:
' have nothing but praise for the weatherization program. energy costs reflect the dollar blessing. And the comfort of air leaks diminished with door and window replacement and furnace pipes installed.



Commodities Supplemental Food Program Opens Two New Clinics in Burt County!

Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) has added two new clinics in Burt County! Staff will be traveling to Tekamah the 3rd Thursday of odd months and Oakland the third Thursday of even months. The tailgate clinics coincide with the WIC clinics in that county in an attempt to better serve clients in this area. The elderly clients find these clinics more convenient and easier on their gas budgets. CSFP serves income eligible seniors 60 and over, as well as, post partum mothers and children up to the age of 6. CSFP is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

CLIENT COMMENT:
Thanks so much!

CLIENT COMMENT:
Very polite/helpful staff