



A Celebration of Connecticut's Immunization Champions

Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 10 a.m.
Room 2-A, Legislative Office Building, Hartford

AGENDA

1. Welcome from J. Robert Galvin, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Health
2. Welcome from the event moderators, Senator Mary Ann Handley and Representative Peggy Sayers, co-chairs of the Public Health Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly
3. Introduction of Melinda Wharton, M.D., M.P.H., Deputy Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
4. Presentation of national award to Connecticut by Dr. Wharton
 - Accepting for the state: Senate President Pro Tempore Donald E. Williams Jr. and Speaker of the House of Representatives James A. Amann
 - Comments by Speaker Amann and Senator Williams
5. "National Immunization Update" by Dr. Wharton
 - Responding: Ronald Angoff, M.D., F.A.A.P., President of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
6. Connecticut celebrates its immunization champions
 - Citations presented to 16 champions from across the state, selected for their dedicated efforts to ensure timely immunizations of our young children. Presenting the awards are legislators from respective districts, commissioners, and executive directors of collaborating agencies.



You are cordially invited to
**A celebration for
 Connecticut's
 Immunization
 Champions**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2008
 Legislative Office Building
 Continental breakfast 9:30 Atrium, second floor,
 Awards 10:00, Room 2-A**

Dr. Melinda Wharton, Deputy Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will present an award to the state of Connecticut.

Over the past 12 years, Connecticut has ranked in the top five states in the nation for on-time immunizations that result in an impressive decrease in childhood disease.

Doctors, nurses, office managers, Immunization Action Plan coordinators, and all office staff in health centers and pediatric offices work together to ensure the good health of our children. One of the most effective ways to prevent some diseases is through timely vaccinations.

Partnerships that the Department of Public Health Immunization Program has with the Commission on Children, Department of Social Services, and the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics make it work! We congratulate and celebrate the doctors, nurses, and staff in all the clinics, hospitals and pediatric and family practices for keeping Connecticut children healthy and we especially thank our Immunization Champions.

IMMUNIZATION CHAMPIONS

Marina Rizio, Birth Registrar
 St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport

**Pediatric Health Center
 Danbury Hospital**
 Danbury

East Hartford Pediatrics
 East Hartford

**Pediatric Clinic
 St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center**
 Hartford

Paige Woodruff, RN
 Community Health Center of New London

Debbie Ward, RN
 Community Health Center of Meriden

Pediatric & Adolescent Healthcare, PC
 Ansonia

Community Health Center of New Britain
 New Britain

**Pediatric Primary Care, Hospital of
 St. Raphael's, New Haven**

**Brooklyn Family Medicine
 Drs. Joseph Alessandro, Paul Dalbec,
 Andrea Gutierrez, Brooklyn**

Martine Quick, Medical Assistant
 Willows Pediatric Group, Westport

Elaine Braccia, RN
 Stamford Health Department, Stamford

**Litchfield County Pediatrics,
 Drs. Karen Dettmer,
 Sophia Grant, Richard Tenczar**
 Torrington

Franklin Medical Children's Health Center
 Waterbury

Milford Pediatrics
 Milford

Mansfield Pediatrics
 Mansfield Center

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