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JULY 2020 EDITION

LEARN TO WRITE A CLEAR AND EFFECTIVE FACT SHEET

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are providing training as part of their Health Literacy and Communication Training Series. The training, "How to Write a Clear and Effective Fact Sheet," will occur on Wednesday, July 15, from 2pm until 3pm.

The training will lead participants through the process of writing a fact sheet, applying ten effective writing techniques to a fact sheet, and using three testing tools to verify that the fact sheet is clear and understandable.

To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

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NAVIGATION

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2019 HIV CONTINUUM OF CARE REPORTS AVAILABLE

Virginia's 2019 HIV Continuum of Care (HCC) Report is now available online: <https://bit.ly/30bfoyD>. The 2019 HIV Continuum of Care Report is a snapshot of health outcomes of persons living with HIV in Virginia from initial diagnosis to viral suppression, as of December 31, 2019. It includes health outcomes by demographics and geographic trends.

Virginia's 2019 Ryan White HIV Care Continuum Report is now available online: <https://bit.ly/38WIFSH>. The 2019 Ryan White HIV Care Continuum Report compares health outcomes of all persons living with HIV in Virginia to Ryan White clients living with HIV in Virginia, as of December 31, 2019.

Both reports can be used for grant applications, presentations, and data requests. For additional information or questions, please contact **Chelsea Canan** at chelsea.canan@vdh.virginia.gov.

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Let's talk
about PrEP!

REVISED PREP ADHERENCE RESOURCE LIST NOW AVAILABLE

At least 10% of Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) patients struggle with taking a daily pill. It's important to have a plan and tools to help these patients with medication adherence. The PrEP Team has published a newly revised Adherence Resource List. Now it's one list (not three!) and is shorter and easier to read. There are resources for patients, providers and organizations - including handouts and tools to help support patients' medication adherence. The Adherence Resource List can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/2Wiu5Pt>.

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CDC REPORT SHOWS CONGENITAL SYPHILIS CONTINUES TO RISE IN THE U.S.

The CDC released a new report entitled [Missed Opportunities for Prevention of Congenital Syphilis](#), which analyzed congenital syphilis cases from 2013-2018. The report revealed a 261% increase in congenital syphilis cases in the United States, with the most commonly missed opportunities for prevention being lack of adequate maternal treatment (31%), lack of prenatal care (28%), and late identification of seroconversions (11%).

Prevalence of the missed opportunities differed regionally and by race/ethnicity. In the South, lack of adequate treatment was most common (34.3%) compared to lack of timely prenatal care (41.1%) in the West and late identification of seroconversion in the Northeast (39.6%). Among white mothers in the South, the most common missed opportunity was lack of timely prenatal care (31.6%), whereas among black and Hispanic mothers, lack of adequate maternal treatment (37%) was most common.

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PERSONNEL

Welcome

The Virginia Disease Prevention Hotline is delighted to welcome **Andrea Orange** as the newest Hotline Counselor! Andrea brings over 10 years of experience and expertise as a mental health counselor to the Hotline. When not working, Andrea enjoys spending time with her family. Andrea can be reached at andrea.orange@vdh.virginia.gov.



Two full-time Northern region Disease Intervention Specialists were hired: **Patrick Ingram** effective 7/25/20 and **Robert Gillum** effective 8/25/20. Welcome to the DDP team!

Farewell

Micah Daingerfield, Program Support Tech for the HIV Testing Program, has resigned to accept a new job. We wish him all the best as he pursues his career endeavors. Requests for test kits, etc. that previously went to Micah may be submitted to Kaitlyn Hauter at kaitlyn.hauter@vdh.virginia.gov or (804) 864-7593.

Megan Rei, contract Disease Intervention Specialist working in the Northern region, left 7/5/20. We wish Megan the best in her new role on the COVID-19 response team.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Virginia Department of Health posts job opportunities at the [Commonwealth's Central Job Board](#).

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