



# KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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### TIP

When searching for a child in KIDSNET, increase your chances of a successful search by entering information in more than one field. You may enter partial information (such as the first three letters of a child's last name) followed by an asterisk (\*). Doing this will generate a list of children that meet the criteria entered. You can also enter the mother's information to narrow the search. After a thorough search, patients not found may be added, provided the patient is younger than 19 and was not born in Rhode Island. If you cannot locate a patient who was born in Rhode Island, call the RIDOH Help Desk at **401-222-5960** for assistance.

## BIRTH DEFECTS REPORTING

Since 2005, all healthcare providers are required to report birth defects identified among children, up to age five, to the Rhode Island Department of Health. Pediatric providers can report birth defects electronically through the Birth Defects Reporting module in KIDSNET. Reporting birth defects helps the Rhode Island Birth Defects Program (RIBDP) ensure that children receive appropriate services in a timely manner.

To report a birth defect, click on the *birth defects reporting* link in the KIDSNET left-hand menu and enter the required information. Birth defects previously reported to RIBDP will be displayed and do not need to be reported again. RIBDP thanks Hasbro Children's Hospital's Pediatric Heart Center, participating audiologists, and other healthcare providers who continue to report birth defects through KIDSNET. If you would like further training on how to report birth defects through KIDSNET, please contact your Provider Relations Representative.

## HPV VACCINE: *THINK CANCER PREVENTION 2018*

A one-hour webinar is available that describes why HPV vaccine is important for cancer prevention and provides resources and up-to-date materials to assist providers in responding effectively to parents' vaccine questions and concerns. This information can help providers communicate more effectively with vaccine-hesitant parents and be used to improve HPV coverage rates in KIDSNET.

Webinar: <http://eventcallregistration.com/reg/index.jsp?cid=109020t11>

Presenters:

**Anne Devi Wold, MD;** Physician Consultant, RIDOH  
**Ailis Clyne, MD, MPH;** Medical Director, RIDOH

Target audience: primary care physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other healthcare professionals.

CME accreditation: 1.0 AMA PRA category 1 credits.

Other health professionals' accreditation: participants receive a certificate of attendance stating that this program is designated for 1.0 hours AMA PRA category 1 credits™. This credit is accepted by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA), and Rhode Island pharmacy relicensure.



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## EXCELLENCE IN STATE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD



Congratulations to RIDOH Medical Director **Ailis Clyne, MD, MPH**, on receiving the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP's) Excellence in State Maternal and Child Health Leadership Award. This award recognizes outstanding maternal and child health (MCH) professionals who have made significant contributions to their state's MCH program and MCH outcomes, as well as other significant contributions to promoting and protecting the health of women, children, and families in their state. Dr. Clyne advises KIDSNET on existing and new developments to support primary care practices in coordinating care and ensuring public health services. She also relays suggestions and concerns from the primary care community back to KIDSNET.



**May 8**

**National School Nurse Day**

**Thank you** to our school nurses for helping keep Rhode Island's students healthy year round!

## IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM: ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The RIDOH Office of Immunization primarily communicates with state-supplied vaccine (SSV) providers via:

- Telephone calls and emails from the assigned immunization representative
- Email advisories (sender: Rhode Island Department of Health)

Email addresses for the vaccine contact, office contact, and medical providers in a practice can be updated via the SSV enrollment link in KIDSNET. Email addresses should always be reviewed during annual enrollment, but may be updated at any time.

Please open all emails from the above senders, as information is often time-sensitive. Immunization staff strive to communicate clearly and effectively with SSV providers to ensure vaccines are stored and handled properly and providers have ample vaccine supply. If you receive information from a source other than the above, please contact your immunization representative to verify the information.

Visit [health.ri.gov/immunization/for/providers](http://health.ri.gov/immunization/for/providers) for more information and resources. With good communication, we can ensure that vaccines are stored properly, patients are immunized with viable product, and KIDSNET records are accurate and up-to-date.

## ASTHMA PROGRAMS

RIDOH's Asthma Program serves children with asthma from birth to age 17 living in the core cities of Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Woonsocket, where a high percentage of children live in poverty and the asthma burden is the highest.

Rhode Island home-based asthma interventions include the Home Asthma Response Program (HARP) and the Breathe Easy at Home (BEAH) Project. HARP uses certified asthma educators and community health workers to conduct up to three intensive in-home sessions that:

1. Assess a patient's asthma knowledge and environmental trigger exposure
2. Provide intensive asthma self-management education
3. Deliver cost-effective supplies to reduce home asthma triggers
4. Improve quality of care and experience of care

HARP eligibility is based on the child's age, city of residence, level of asthma control, and healthcare use. All children participating in HARP receive an *Asthma Action Plan* from their primary care providers. *Asthma Action Plans* are available on the KIDSNET asthma page and can be uploaded directly into KIDSNET.

BEAH is designed to improve the health of children with asthma by addressing sub-standard housing conditions. BEAH allows the patient's family, healthcare provider, city officials, landlord, and RIDOH to work together to improve the child's living conditions. The program's goal is to reduce exposure to asthma triggers within the home to improve the child's asthma symptoms and control. Through KIDSNET, healthcare providers can refer patients with asthma for housing inspections if they suspect sub-standard housing conditions may be triggering a child's asthma. Home inspections are conducted by the city's housing code enforcement office and inspection results can be viewed in KIDSNET. This innovative program tracks children through the inspection and violation preparation, re-inspection, and housing court systems. KIDSNET helps BEAH improve communication between medical and public health professionals and housing inspectors.



For more information about referring a child to HARP or BEAH or about completing an *Asthma Action Plan*, please contact RIDOH's Asthma Control Program at [doh.asthma@health.ri.gov](mailto:doh.asthma@health.ri.gov) or **401-222-5960 / RI Relay 711**