



KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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Data Corner

A large amount of new information is recorded in KIDSNET every day. In 2019, KIDSNET recorded:

- 647,463 Immunizations
- 23,438 Developmental Screenings
- 7,191 Home Visits
- 10,574 Newborn Hearing Screens
- 22,215 Child Outreach Screenings
- 2,333 Early Intervention Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) dates
- 27,380 Lead Screening Results

Changes to the Hearing Assessment Page

KIDSNET users can now see improvements to the KIDSNET hearing assessment page. The risk factors for late onset, progressive, and acquired hearing loss included on the hearing assessment page reflect the risk indicators put forth by the Joint Commission on Infant Hearing. Audiologists now document whether amplification has been recommended, the dates amplification began or was discontinued, and if a parent declined. Viewers can also see specific dates for recommended audiologic follow-up and additional referrals to early intervention (including specific agencies), primary care, and ear, nose and throat specialists. Please check the KIDSNET hearing assessment page for recommended hearing screening or audiology services.



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VIS Updates

Childhood Vaccination Information Statement (VIS) Dates as of January 20, 2020

Chickenpox	08/15/19	HPV	10/30/19	MMR	08/15/19	Polio	10/30/19
DTaP	08/24/18	Influenza (LAIV)	08/15/19	MMRV	08/15/19	Rotavirus	10/30/19
Hepatitis A	07/20/16	Influenza (TIV)	08/15/19	Multi-vaccine	11/05/15	Td	04/11/17
Hepatitis B	08/15/19	MCV4/MPSV4	08/15/19	PCV 13	10/30/19	Tdap	02/24/15
Hib	10/30/19	Men B	08/15/19	PPSV	10/30/19		

WIC Pilot Program

On January 21, 2020, the Rhode Island Supplemental Nutrition Education Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) began piloting a new Management Information System and an eWIC card system throughout Eastbay sites in Newport, Bristol, Tiverton, and East Providence. The pilot will continue through March, followed by a statewide rollout between April and May. By June 2020, the State will be completely converted to the new system, named Crossroads.



WIC participants using eWIC cards are now able to access their food benefits more easily and faster than the current system of paper checks. Participants using the eWIC card have found the experience much more consumer-friendly, providing flexibility and ease in shopping. The use of a card eliminates unwanted attention drawn by having to use paper checks at the grocers. Unlike Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, eWIC cards do not add cash to a card. The WIC clinic nutritionist still adds a food prescription for the client and foods are placed on the card. The food prescription in WIC is based on the medical and nutritional needs of the participants to encourage optimal growth and development at critical stages in life. WIC screenings, education, and referrals along with foods prescribed by nutrition professionals have immediate and lifelong health benefits.

You can log into to KIDSNET to see which of your patients are enrolled in WIC. Please be sure to refer families with children under five years of age to apply for WIC benefits. Call your local WIC program directly or call the RIDOH Information line (401)-222-5960 for more information.

Rare Disease Day

February 29 was Rare Disease Day. A rare disease in the US is defined as a condition that affects fewer than 200,000 people. Many people, including children, are living with a rare disease. Newborn screening helps identify children born in Rhode Island with rare conditions so that they can be treated right away. Rhode Island currently screens for 34 rare conditions. Checking KIDSNET to make sure children have been screened and are receiving follow-up care, if appropriate, aids in the coordination of care.



Parenting Matters Conference

Bradley Hospital will host its 30th Parenting Matters Conference on Saturday, March 21, 2020. For registration information, visit <https://www.lifespan.org/centers-services/parenting-matters>. This half-day event offers parents, childcare providers, social workers, and teachers a unique opportunity to learn from top child development and behavior professionals, as well as various RIDOH programs. The Rhode Island Family Visiting Program supports new parents in learning childcare skills. Family Visiting Program enrollment can be found by clicking on the Family Visit link in KIDSNET.