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Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center's e-news
Informing the southeast region about TB-related resources and training opportunities

Our SNTC staff is growing...
Donna Hope Wegener joined the SNTC team as the new Executive Director, in June. Donna comes to SNTC from the Institute for Child Health Policy at the University of Florida and has a background in health care policy. Her strong leadership, administrative, and research experience with various state and federal agencies, including the Florida Department of Health, serve the SNTC's mission well. Please join us in welcoming Donna! The SNTC team is grateful to our own Karen Simpson who has gracefully and competently worn two hats for months, serving as both the Acting ED and as SNTC’s Director of Education and Training.

Training Specialist positions open at SNTC
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Upcoming training

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course
September 11-15, 2006, AG Holley TB Hospital, Lantana, Florida
Offered quarterly at the AG Holley TB Hospital in Palm Beach County, Florida, this 4.5 day clinical course will familiarize TB staff with all aspects of TB infection, disease and patient care through an interdisciplinary and interactive approach. Also offered December 4-8, 2006.

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Webinar

Corrections and TB Webinar Series:
Building the Bridge Between Corrections and Public Health
September 11, 2006 via web and 11:00 am-12:30 pm EDT
Connect by phone and/or computer to hear about the new 2006 CDC Guidelines for the Control and Prevention of Tuberculosis in Correctional and Detention Facilities. Implementation of the guidelines and the need for more effective collaboration between public health and corrections will be discussed. Target audience for this webinar includes public health TB program personnel, corrections medical and custody personnel, including risk management and safety personnel, and others working with corrections and public health.

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Conferences in our region:

TB Education and Training Network (TB ETN)
August 15-17 in Atlanta, Georgia
TB Education and Training Network's Sixth Annual Conference entitled "TB Education and Training Magic: Tricks of the Trade" will be held August 15-17 at the Sheraton Midtown at Colony Square in Atlanta, Georgia.

TB Education and Training Network (TB ETN) annual conferences focus on the systematic health education process as it applies to tuberculosis education. This conference emphasizes skill-based sessions and networking activities.

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Southwest TB Controllers Association
October 17-20, 2006 Nashville, Tennessee
The annual meeting of the Southwest TB Controllers Association will be held in Nashville, Tennessee this year. Michael Iseman, MD, National Jewish Medical Center, will be the keynote speaker. Target audience includes the TB Control Officer, Program Manager, Nurse Consultant, Laboratory, and CDC Public Health Advisors of the SETCA representative states.

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Resources:

Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis in Correctional and Detention Facilities: Recommendations from the CDC
This resource stresses the importance of TB program oversight for TB correctional facilities including program evaluation, case management, contact investigation, discharge planning for continuity of care and education for all involved.

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Corrections-related TB Training Available At Your Site:
SNTC offers the following TB in Corrections training tailored to the needs of your state:
- Bridging Corrections and Public Health — 1-4 hours
- Contact Investigation Course — 2 days
- Discharge Planning Course — 1 day
- Corrections Mini-Fellowship — varied length

Designed for both public health and corrections staff, including the corrections liaison, these trainings are tailored to meet the needs of your state. Train with prison and jail staff, discuss issues surrounding TB in corrections, including evaluation of TB cases/suspects, monitoring, developing collaboration with corrections and continuity of care issues from corrections to the community of our facilities.

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