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SAVE THE DATE: MACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC) Annual Gala will be held on April 24, 2014 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. "Celebrating Our Cultural Kaleidoscope" is the theme. The event will be held at the Ohio History Center, 800 E. 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211.

Register for the MACC Conference

http://www.maccinc.net/index.php?option=com_dtregister&Itemid=40

Sickle Cell Disease: Recognized as a Developmental Disability

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By Wendy Berry-West

Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited blood disorder that affects red blood cells. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells that contain mostly hemoglobin S, an abnormal type of hemoglobin. Sometimes these red blood cells become sickle-shaped (crescent shaped) and have difficulty passing through small blood vessels.

As a chronic illness, one must understand that Sickle Cell Disease is a condition of genetic inheritance and not one which is transmitted by virus or other means of transmission. Individuals with sickle cell disease are often stereotyped as “drug seekers” because of the large amounts of pain medication needed to lessen the severity of the condition.

There are famous individuals affected by sickle cell disease who despite this devastating disease, have been successful in living full lives. Today, the emphasis is upon life and not death of the individual with sickle cell disease.

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Cudurka Sickle Cell: Waxaa loo Aqoonsaday Curyaannimo Korriin

By Wendy Berry-West

Cudurka Sickle Cell waa jirro dhiig oo la kala dhaxlo taasoo saamaysa unugyada dhiigga cas. Dadka qaba cudurka Sickle Cell waxay leeyihiin unugyo dhiigga cas oo badanaa ka kooban Hemoglabin S, oo ah nooc khaldan oo dhiigga cas ah.

Mararka qaar, unugyadan cascas waxay noqdaan kuwo u qaab eg bil waxaana adkaata in ay dhex maraan xididdada yaryar ee dhiigga.

Cudurkaan oo aan dawo lahayn, waa in la fahmo in cudurka Sickle Cell uu yahay dhaxal hidde-raac ah oo aan la isugu gudbinin faayras ama habab kale oo lagu kala qaado. Dadka qaba cudurka Sickle Cell waxaa badanaa lagu xantaa “daawo-ku-nool” iyadoo ay ugu wacantahay dawooyinka faraha badan ee xanuunka ee ay u baahanyihiin si loo yareeyo dhibaataada xanuunka. Eeg bogga 3

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While improved services, nutrition and supported lifestyles has helped to increase the lifespan of those affected, there remains some services that are not comprehensive or accessible. Under the direction of the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Kathleen Sebelius, new programs and research are now being prioritized for sickle cell disease. In 2011, the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC) recognized Sickle Cell Disease as a developmental disability and decided to provide funding through its Outreach Committee to increase awareness of the sickle cell condition. The Ohio Sickle Cell Health Association (OSCHA) was selected to be the recipient of a grant to support increased marketing efforts.

Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association (OSCHA) is a statewide community based organization whose mission is "To Provide Education, Advocacy, and Support Statewide to Individuals and Families Affected and At-Risk for Sickle Cell Disease". The organization has been in existence since 1979 advocating for individuals and families.

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Waxaa jira dad caan ah oo uu ku dhacay cudurka Sickle Cell oo xanuunkaas dhibta badan iyagoo qaba haddana nolol fiican ku noolaada. Maanta, waxaa xoogga la saaraa nolosha qofka qaba Sickle Cell ee lama saaro geerida. Adeegyo hagaagsan, nafaqo iyo nolol la taageerayo ayaa wax ka taray wanaajinta nolosha dadka cudurka qaba, waxaase jira adeegyo aan weli taam ahayn ama aan la heli Karin. Iyadoo ay hoggaaminayso Wasiiradda Caafimaadka iyo Adeegga Aadanaha Maraykanka, Dr. Kathleen Sebelius, barnaamijyo cusub iyo cilmi baaris ku saabsan sickle cell ayaa ahmiyad la siinayaa.

Sanadkii 2011, Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council ayaa u aqoonsatay Cudurka Sickle Cell inuu yahay koritaan xumaaday waxayna goosatay in ay lacag ka siiso Guddiga Baraarujinta si loo kordhiyo wacyigelinta cudurka Sickle Cell. Hay'adda Ohio Sickle Cell Health Association (OSCHA) ayaa loo doortay in ay hesho lacagta lagu taageerayo kordhinta dadaalka wacyigelinta.

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Today, OSCHA serves 88 Ohio Counties and provides consumer and professional training and education, statewide public awareness and media campaigns, provides educational scholarships for individuals/families with sickle cell disease to attend education events, advocates for issues related to sickle cell disease, and provides emergency support services for individuals/ families with sickle cell disease.

Additionally, OSCHA organizes Town Hall Meetings across the state in an effort to facilitate a better community understanding of the condition.

As a result of its grant funding, OSCHA has forged a collaborative partnership with the "Praise Reporter Magazine". This magazine targets the faith based community and is distributed statewide to over 15,000 individuals. Over the past two years, the magazine has dedicated its September edition as Sickle Cell Month. Editor Ivory Payne is personally passionate about supporting the effort to increase community awareness... see page 5

Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association (OSCHA waa hay'ad bulsho oo gobolka ku baahsan oo hadafkeedu yahay " In wax la baro, loo dodo, lana taageero dadka iyo qoysaska qaba ama halista u ah cudurka Sickle Cell gobolka oo dhan." Hay'addu waxay jirtay illaa 1979 oo ay u doodaysay dadka iyo qoysaska.

Maanta, OSCHA waxay u adeegtaa 88 Degmo waxayna samaysaa tababarro dadka qaba iyo xirfadlayaasha, shacabka gobolka oo la wacyi geliyo iyo ololayaal saxaafadeed, fursado waxbarasho iyo deeqo dadka qaba cudurka sickle cell iyo qoysaskooda si ay uga qaybgalaan xaflado, in loo dodo arrimaha la xiriira cudurka sickle cell, iyo in la sameeyo taageero loogu adeegayo dadka qaba cudurka sickle cell adeegayo dadka qaba cudurka sickle cell.

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Over the past two years, the magazine has dedicated its September edition as Sickle Cell Month. Editor Ivory Payne is personally passionate about supporting the effort to increase community awareness about this condition, in part due to his familiarity with sickle cell in his family.

Articles and stories on the sickle cell phenomena were sought from the Ohio Regional Sickle Cell Projects (ODH funded) and affected individuals and families across the state.

The 2nd year publication featured celebrity professional football player, Santonio Holmes, who has taken a personal interest in supporting the Ohio Sickle Cell Health Association's work due to his 6 year old son being affected by this chronic illness.

OSCHA has developed a portable display as a marketing and outreach tool. This display features the statewide marketing campaign concept of "Face Sickle Cell" which features faces of various races that can be affected by sickle cell disease.

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Labadii sano ee la soo dhaafay, joornaalku wuxuu bishiisa Sebteembar u cayimay Bisha Sickle Cell. Tifaftire Ivory Payne ayaa si gaar ah u jecel taageerada iyo kordhinta wacyigelinta iyo samaynta tababarro dadka qaba iyo xirfadlayaasha, shacabka gobolka oo la wacyi geliyo iyo ololayaal saxaafadeed, fursado waxbarasho iyo deeqo dadka qaba cudurka sickle cell iyo qoysaskooda si ay uga qaybgalaan xaflado, in loo dodo arrimaha la xiriira cudurka sickle cell, iyo in la sameeyo taageero loogu adeegayo dadka qaba cudurka sickle cell.

In la wacyi geliyo iyo ololayaal saxaafadeed, fursado waxbarasho iyo deeqo dadka qaba cudurka sickle cell iyo qoysaskooda si ay uga qaybgalaan xaflado, in loo dodo arrimaha la xiriira cudurka sickle cell, iyo in la sameeyo taageero loogu adeegayo dadka qaba cudurka sickle cell. Ku darso, OSCHA waxay abaabushaa Shirar Fagaarayaal oo gobolkoo dhan ah si loogu sahlo in bulshadu fahamto cudurkan. Olalaha waxaa halhays u ah "Eeg Sickle Cell" waxana ka muuqda wajiyada midabbo kala duwan oo uu ku dhacay cudurka sickle cell. Eeg bogga 6

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OSCHA invites you to join the fight against sickle cell disease - become an active member, participate in events, get tested so that you will know your hemoglobin type, become educated and apart of the advocacy efforts across the state.

“We Are ... One Community with One Cause” with the goal to ADVOCATE, INSPIRE, CHANGE.

Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association, 309 South Fourth Street, Suite 212, Columbus, OH 43215, Phone (614) 228-0157, Website www.ohiosicklecell.org

OSCHA waxay kugu casuumaysaa in la sameeyo taageero loogu adeegayo dadka qaba cudurka sickle cell.

Ku darso, OSCHA waxay abaabushaa Shirar Fagaarayaal oo gobolkoo dhan ah si loogu sahlo in bulshadu fahamto cudurkan.

Waxaynu Nahay ... Bulsho Leh Hal Hadaf” oo ujeeddadu tahay in aynu u DOODNO, GUUBAABINNO, BADDALNO.

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3. Job Opportunity of the Month

Senior Services Caseworker - Somali Language- Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS)

Description: part-time, 20 hours/week, to provide individual services to clients based on their eligibility with our program; to recruit eligible clients into our program in order to meet our program goals, to provide management assistance with the Senior Companions, to assist with regular citizenship tutoring that prepares clients for the citizenship interview and exam

Benefits: \$13.00 hourly wage, flexible spending account (FSA) program, 403b tax-deferred retirement savings option, direct deposit, training opportunities

Essential Job Functions:

Regular reporting of all services provided to clients by means of monthly outreach reports, monthly activity reports, and case notes in each clients' file

Regular reporting of all expenses required to offer effective case management including but not limited to mileage, parking fees, etc.

Balance of office and in-the-field work: all case managers are expected to spend at least 20% of their work time in the office conducting necessary business including but not limited to client calls, translations and interpretation services, meeting with supervisors, other case managers, or clients, etc.

Assist with facilitation of senior companion program: this includes phone calls and home visits to companions' and their clients; and interpretation services as needed

Case management of individual clients' needs: this requires proactive involvement with clients to help them with daily needs that arise. In some instances, case managers will provide a direct service, such as translation of mail; in other instances, the case manager will need to research and be aware of services that are available and make necessary referrals based on the needs of the client, such as resource referrals for feeding programs or transportation services

Outreach to meet program goals: each case manager will be given a goal for the total number of clients to reach/serve for each fiscal year. Outreach is conducted by each case manager to facilitate this objective and can include meetings with community leaders, distribution of flyers with program information, gatherings among the community to increase awareness of the program, etc. The case manager will be expected to balance the demands of offering services to current clients, while also increasing the total clients that receive our services (through outreach)

Tutoring individual clients or groups of clients in order to prepare them for the citizenship exam and interview. This may include creating resources to help them practice and study, as well as spending some time each month meeting with the client to practice and review the civics questions.

Education Requirements:

Bachelors Degree or 2 years experience in a directly related profession

Work Experience and Skill Requirements:

Resourceful, pro-active problem-solving ability

Fluency in English and Somali

Skilled in interpersonal and intercultural communication

Strong organizational skills

Valid driver's license, appropriate insurance and good driving required (last only if transporting clients)

Ability to travel (without notice) around Columbus in order to accompany clients

Professional demeanor

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5. Central Ohio Community Resources

Police:

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-emergency: 614-645-4545

Sheriff: 614-462-3333

Mental Health Crisis:

Netcare Access: 614-276-2273

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

Columbus Health Department

Free Clinic: 614-240-7430

Legal Matters:

Legal Aid Society: 614-241-2001

Child Abuse and Neglect:

FCCS: 614-229-7000

Housing:

CMHA: 614-421-6000

Information and Referral:

HandsOn: 614-221-2555 or 211

Somali Services

SomaliCAN

614-489-9226

www.SomaliCAN.org

The Omolesky Law Firm

614-441-5305

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Health Communication and Literacy:

- Patient education
- Prescription access
- Cultural competency training
- Information & Referral

Community Education:

- Youth engagement
- Services in Schools
- Advocacy and Support
- Scholarships
- Annual Graduation
- Crime Prevention
- Disaster Preparedness

SomaliCAN Outreach Newsletter:

- Monthly bilingual newsletter
- Advertisements
- Articles
- Cultural Competency
- Research
- Legislation
- Developmental Disabilities

Immigration Services:

- Green card applications
- Citizenship applications
- Citizenship education

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