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March is Colorectal Cancer Month

- » Out of every **100,000** people in WI, **36** are likely to get colon cancer every year. 14 per 100,000 Wisconsinites are expected to die from colorectal cancer, every year (2013, [CDC](#))
- » Colon cancer knows no racial or ethnic boundaries and can impact anyone, particularly folks aged 50 and older. Six out of 10 colon cancer deaths can be avoided by encouraging community members aged 50 and older to receive regular screening for colon cancer.
- » Click on this [link](#) to access awareness raising tools on colon cancer prevention.

Recently Released

- » Check out this short [video](#) and learn how a group of San Diego kids used the HIA process to convince city leaders and decision makers to build a much-needed skate park, for youth to have a safe place to skateboard.

Announcement!

- » **Planners4Health**, an initiative of the Plan4Health program, has recently awarded a \$50,000 grant to the American Planning Association Wisconsin. This grant funding shall be used for building local capacity to integrate planning and public health, across the state. Project activities will also include identifying potential partners to create cross disciplinary task forces to leverage and further develop existing and new policies and programs which connect planning and public health. This 6-month initiative is being sponsored by the National American Planning Association.
- » The Planners4Health initiative also includes a six-part curriculum series that covers assessment of a healthy community landscape, application of a health equity lens and much more. Five sessions of this curriculum series are offered as webinars and may be accessed at this [link](#).

Upcoming Conferences

- » **2017 National Bike Summit** - Registration is now open for this summit, which shall be held on **March 6-9, 2017** in Washington D.C. at the Renaissance Washington, DC, Hotel. Break out sessions at this summit include workshops on “Tools for recreational and rural advocacy”; “Engaging youth in advocacy and education”, “Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly University”, and many more. Click [here](#) to learn more about this meeting and to register.
- » **The 2017 National American Planning Association Conference**, shall be held on **May 6-9**, at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, in New York City. Click [here](#) for registration.
- » **The Midwest Active Transportation Conference** – will be held on **May 19, 2017** at the New Student Union, UW-La Crosse. The goal of this conference is to encourage and accelerate effective strategies for engaging people in active modes of transportation. To register click [here](#).
- » **The 2017 WPHA-WALHDAB Annual Public Health Conference**, will be held on **May 23-25, 2017**, at the Glacier Canyon Lodge - Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. This year’s theme is “Improving Health Neighborhood by Neighborhood.” Abstracts for poster presentations may be submitted until April 14. Click [here](#) to register.
- » **Save the date** - The next HIA Practitioner Workshop will be on **October 2-3, 2017** in Washington, D.C. More details on this workshop to follow.



Training Resources

» Access HIA resources at:

- [WPHA HIA/HiAP](#)
- [WDHS](#)
- [WHO](#)
- [NNPHI](#)
- [HIP](#)

» Access HiAP resources at:

- [APHA](#)
- [ChangeLab Solns](#)
- [NACCHO](#)
- [RWJF](#)
- [WHO Int.](#)

» **Healthy Cities: Assessing Health Impacts of Policies and Plans** is a free online course on HIA & the built environment, being provided by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Access it [here](#).

» **EPA's Extensive List of HIA Tools & Resources** – developed by the EPA, this exhaustive list of resources provides tools that may be used by practitioners of various levels of HIA proficiency. Access the list [here](#).

Upcoming Webinars

- » **Communicating About Clean Energy and Climate Change Solutions** - This webinar which is being presented by Antioch University of New England forms part of the “Weathering Change: Local Solutions for Strong Communities” webinar series.” The webinar will cover the basics of developing an effective climate engagement strategy. It will be broadcasted on **March 23, 2017 at 12.00pm-1.15pm EST**. Click [here](#) to register. The webinar series is being sponsored by the [APA](#), the [Town Creek Foundation](#) and the [Bay and Paul Foundations](#).
- » **The Right to Walk** – this webinar, which is being provided by [America Walks](#), will be broadcasted on **March 8, 2017 at 1.00pm – 2.00 pm CST**. Attendees will learn how organizations, communities and advocates across the country are working to make communities more walkable and about their efforts that address existing disparities associated with lack of active transportation infrastructure. To register click [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

- » **Interdisciplinary Research Leaders (IRL)**. Released in January by the RWJF, this funding opportunity aims to recruit teams composed of researchers and community members (2 mid-career researchers and one community member) to become IRL program fellows. Program fellows will receive trainings in leadership and research techniques, mentoring, networking opportunities as well as fellowship and research funds, to apply to community-relevant, action-oriented research that addresses health and health equity. Click [here](#) to learn more about this opportunity. **Application deadline is 3.8.17.**
- » **Policies for Action: Policy and Law Research to Build a Culture of Health**. This call for proposals will be awarding \$250,000 grants for a 24-month funding period to research proposals that address policies, laws, and other system and community levers in the public and private sectors, which support the building of a Culture of Health. This opportunity is a program of the RWJF and is being administered through the National Coordinating Center at the Urban Institute. **Application deadline is 3.10.17**. Click [here](#) to learn more about this funding program.

About the WPHA HIA/HiAP Section

- » Check out our [HIA/HiAP section page](#) and learn more on our section’s role and activities
- » Access our HIA library for tools and resources
- » Read through our HIA Buzz and Newsletter archives
- » Interested in becoming a WPHA member? Click [here](#)
- » Our next section meeting and webinar will be held on **4/20/17 from 11:00am-12:00 pm**. Presenting on this webinar will be Jen Rombalski, RN, MPH, Health Director, La Crosse County. Stay tuned for more information!