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RE: 9th Annual Genesee County Health Department
Public Health Conference
“Securing Our Future: Protecting the Health of Genesee County Children”

The Genesee County Health Department announces its 9th Annual Public Health Conference to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at the Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley Street in Flint, Michigan. The conference is entitled “Securing Our Future: Protecting the Health of Genesee County Children.” The goal of the conference is to build the capacity of local health professionals and community members to address children’s health and wellbeing issues in our community. The conference will feature a nationally-recognized keynote speaker: Daniel Dawes, J.D., Executive Director, Health Policy and External Affairs at Morehouse School of Medicine. Addressing the impact the Affordable Care Act will have on children’s health. Carol Redding, M.A. will discuss the results of the Adverse Childhood Experience study and Dr. Larry Schweinhart will share the results of the Perry study.

The conference will also feature other sessions led by local experts, as well as, speakers from other counties in Michigan. These sessions will address contemporary challenges including trauma informed care, school lunch environments, health issues in schools, coordinated school health teams and childhood immunization rates.

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The presentation of the Robert M. Pestronk Excellence in Public Health Award – the Bronze Bow Tie to E. Hill De Loney, Executive Director of Flint Odyssey House Health Awareness Center will occur before lunch at 11:45am. The Excellence In Food Sanitation Awards will be presented at 3:40 pm.

The conference serves as an opportunity for local and state public health officials, health care professionals, school officials and students, as well as, community residents and community-based organizations, to expand their knowledge, discuss current and future issues important to the public's health, and explore strategies that could improve these conditions. Attendees will be able to use the information from this event to strengthen their roles, and those of their organizations and communities, in improving community and individual health and quality of life.

The conference speakers will be available for interviews the day of the event. Genesee County Health Department staff members are available for interviews prior to the event to discuss the conference and its objectives.

The conference is free. Registration is now open. Conference meals and materials are included. For registration and additional information visit www.gchd.us. Our motto is "Better Life through Better Health."