



# Mother & Child Health Coalition



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## Coalition Updates Health Professionals Regarding Immunization Issues

Kansas City, MO- Mid America Immunization Coalition (MAIC) will host their 13<sup>th</sup> annual **Immunization Symposium, "Exploring Challenges and Opportunities"** on Friday, June 27, 2014 at the Ritz Charles Conference Center in Overland Park, Kansas. A year in the planning, MAIC symposia always include timely updates on immunization issues.

"This year our focus is on being informed and prepared," says Regina Weir, coordinator of Mid America Immunization Coalition. "Recent outbreaks in the Kansas City metropolitan area of diseases such as pertussis, measles and meningitis are examples of the health danger posed to all members of our society when people are not immunized." The day-long symposium will provide continuing education credits for over 150 health care workers from across Missouri and Kansas.

Featured speakers will include:

- William Atkinson, MD, MPH - Associate Director for Immunization Education, Immunization Action Coalition;
- Shary M. Jones, Pharm. D., MPH - Adult Immunization Program Coordinator, National Vaccine Program Office, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;
- Justin R. May, Pharm. D – Director of Pharmacy, Red Cross Pharmacy, Inc.;
- Daniel Hinthorn, MD, FACP – Infectious Diseases Division Director and Vice Chair of Internal Medicine, Kansas University Medical Center;
- Kevin A. Ault, MD – Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Kansas Medical Center;
- Barbara Pahud, MD, MPH, FAAD – Infectious Disease Section, Children's Mercy Hospital.

Mid America Immunization Coalition is a program of Mother & Child Health Coalition (MCHC). MCHC promotes the health of mothers and children through community planning, education, advocacy and collaboration with organizations addressing infant mortality, immunization, childhood obesity, and child safety. More information about the 2013 Immunization Symposium is available from Anne Biswell at Mother & Child Health Coalition, 6400 Prospect, Suite 216, Kansas City, Missouri, 64132, office phone (816) 283-6242, ext. 226 (cell phone 816-806-9929) or on our website, [www.mchc.net](http://www.mchc.net). **Photo and interview opportunities with speakers are available. #####**