

# Head Start Health Services Newsletter

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## What's New?

### [Improving Children's Health Webinar Series](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) in Region VIII have partnered with other federal programs to develop a year-long series of webinars on improving children's health through local and state collaboration and partnerships. This series focuses on the coordination and information-sharing between government agencies, other organizations, and health care providers and educators to improve health outcomes for children and families.

## Featured Resources

### [Parental Depression](#)

Project LAUNCH – Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health – has compiled a list of resources for the prevention and early intervention of parental depression. The list includes websites and materials about paternal and maternal depression, training tools, screening tools and approaches, and telemedicine. Head Start and Early Head Start health and family services staff may share these resources with families.

### [Asthma Pilot Project Webinar](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), and the EPA in Region IV have developed the Asthma Pilot Project for Head Start and Child Care Learning Settings based on the Care for Their Air campaign to better integrate asthma education into Head Start and child care program activities. This webinar highlights best practices for conducting outreach and delivering messages related to second-hand smoke and other environmental asthma triggers, as well as methods to create partnerships with federal, state, and local agencies to increase asthma awareness. Explore other [Care for Their Air](#) materials on the ECLKC.

## National Health Observances

November

- [American Diabetes Month](#)
- [Lung Cancer Awareness Month](#)
- [National Healthy Skin Month](#)
- [American Cancer Society's 36th Great American Smokeout](#) – November 17

December

- [Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness Month](#)
- [Drunk and Drugged Driving \(3D\) Prevention Month](#)
- [National Handwashing Awareness Week](#) – December 4-10

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