

Each Research Matters

Eliminating Disparities and Improving Access to Healthcare for Georgia's Minorities and the Underserved

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1-30 April 1 - 30, 2003

Free Education and Syphilis testing!
Southside Medical Center (Adult Medicine Dept.), Atlanta, GA
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Contact: Dr. Nicole Ross (404) 688-1350 x 529

Cancer Research Survey
Southside Medical Center (Cancer Research Office), Atlanta, GA
8:30-5:00
Survey on the impact of diet and lifestyle on cancer. Participants receive cash incentives!
Contact: James Frederick (404) 688-1350 x 555

Evans Memorial Hospital
See Bulletin Board for Information on Diabetes and Minorities!
Contact: Nancy Crosby (912) 739-5155

St. Mary's Community Center
Savannah, GA
Transportation to eye clinic, blood pressure/sugar screenings, and blood pressure clinic for Cuyler-Brownville residents. Others are welcome!
Contact: Menzanna Blakley (912) 692-6606

Tanner Health System
Carrollton, GA
Free education and screenings for cholesterol, diabetes, and blood pressure. 35 predominantly African American churches in Carroll, Haralson, and Heard counties.
Contact: Lucy Gamble (770) 836-9282

1-14 April 1-14, 2003

Cancer Awareness 2003 "The Champion in You"
Memorial Health University Medical Center Savannah, GA
Cancer health education provided for in house staff.
Contact: Deborah C. Dixon (912) 350-8874

1 April 1, 2003

Health Screening
Harvey's Supermarket in Sylvania Memorial Hospital's Mobile One Van will provide free health screenings.
Sponsored by Screven County Hospital
Contact: Lisa S. Ray, RN (912) 564-0010

Adult Health Education
Seminole County Health Department
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Nutritional counseling, blood pressure screenings, learn how to lower blood pressure with low sodium, low fat diet.
Contact: Dottie Brown, RN (229) 524-2577

3 April 3, 2003

Health Awareness Day
Peachtree 25, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA
8:00 am and 12:00 pm
Serving nutritional breakfast and lunch for employees. Yoga exercise! Blood pressure check!
Sponsored by: DCH Program Integrity
Contact: Diane Clemons (404) 206-6445

Health Fair
Clark Atlanta University
Bishop Cornelius Henderson Student Center Atlanta, GA
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
St. Joseph's Mercy Care will provide health information, glucose and blood pressure screenings.
Contact: Tamika Davis (404) 880-8113

Diabetes Education Class
Neighborhood Improvement Project Augusta, GA
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
(706) 721-0211

Bells for Remembrance Celebration Kickoff Event
Fourth Street Baptist Church Columbus, Georgia
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Information about breast health, annual mammograms, clinical breast exams and breast self-exams.
Contact: Becky Gordon (706) 320-2728

Lunch & Learn: Cancer Basics
Health Matters of St. Francis, Columbus, GA
12:00 pm
April is Cancer Control Month. Learn about different types of cancer, risk factors, prevention, treatment and more. Educational materials and cancer displays.
Speaker: Thomas Tidwell, MD, Oncologist
Contact: Ask-A-Nurse at (706) 596-4170 to register.

4 April 4, 2003

Free Syphilis and HIV Screening Tests
Consulate General of Mexico
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Provided by the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness "Syphilis Elimination Project".
Contact: Claudia Pineda (404) 266-2233 x 228

HIV Prevention Education
Consulate General of Mexico, Atlanta, GA
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Free Syphilis and HIV screenings.
Provided by: Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness "Syphilis Elimination Project".
Contact: Claudia Pineda (404) 266-2233 x 228

Support Group
Roswell Public Library
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Support group for Spanish speaking families of children with disabilities
Sponsored by Parent to Parent of Georgia
Contact: Ivonne Hernandez (678) 560-3106

Hispanic Women's Support Group
Chamblee - Doraville Ministry Center
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Contact: Jean Murphy, RN, BSN (770) 451-1030

Diabetes Foot Screenings
Columbus Health Depart. (Nursing Classroom)
2:00 pm
Diabetes presentations and screenings.
Sponsored by: The Outpatient Center of St. Francis
Contact: Brandy Green (706) 596-4169

Faith-based Grant Writing Workshop
Georgia State University Student Center
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Workshop to provide resources and technical assistance for development of grants for funding faith-based health programs targeting the African American communities.
Sponsored by WellSolve Health Research Network and the Georgia Office of Minority Health
Contact: Amri Johnson (404) 230-9900

Diabetes Education Class
Tri-County Clinics, Crawfordsville, GA
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(706) 721-0211

Diabetes...The Need to Know for Prevention and Control
Columbus Health Depart. (Nursing Classroom)
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Speakers: Ann Blair, Dianna Thomas, and Jose Rivera will present information on the prevalence of diabetes, Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, risk factors, diagnoses and control of diabetes. Diabetes screenings.
(706) 257-7715

4-5 April 4 - 5, 2003

Lifestyle for Better Health: A Weekend Seminar
Providence Missionary Baptist Church
2295 Benjamin E. Mays Dr. Atlanta, GA
Science and Scripture on how to promote health and prevent disease. Anyone who has diabetes, or is at risk for diabetes and its many complications is invited to attend.
Sponsored by: Lifestyle Principles, Inc., the Georgia Office of Minority Health, and the Dept. of Community Health. (Registration is required.)
Contact: Lifestyle Principles, Inc. (404) 299-0188

5 April 5, 2003

Diabetes Health Fair
Tift Community Health Center
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Diabetes education. Information about nutrition for disease management, blood pressure, cholesterol screenings, foot checks and MORE!
Sponsored by: DCH Program Integrity
Contact: Tom Kramer (229) 556-6820

Live Smart Expo
Oglethorpe Mall
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
A health fair that will provide information on cancer, screenings, lectures, nutrition information, prevention and treatment options. Lectures and risk assessments.
Sponsored by St. Joseph's/Candler-Institute for Regional Cancer Care
Contact: Susan Howell (912) 692-2142

Men's Spiritual Health Affair
Georgia State University Student Center
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Health education for African American men to increase knowledge about wellness, physical, mental, and spiritual health.
Sponsored by WellSolve Health Research Network and the Georgia Office of Minority Health
Contact: Amri Johnson (404) 230-9900

6 April 6, 2003

Free Blood Pressure Screenings
St. Felipe Catholic Church, Forest Park, GA
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sponsored by GHS Dept. of Multicultural Affairs
Contact: Dr. Flavia Mercado (404) 616-4993

7-11 April 7 - 11, 2003

National Minority AIDS Council's KIC (Knowledge Interaction Connection) Training
Sheraton Colony Square, Atlanta, GA
Technical assistance and training on Financial Management, Board Development, Program Evaluation, Community Planning, and Public Relations for HIV/AIDS minority community based organizations. Visit www.nmac.org to register.

8 April 8, 2003

Blood Pressure Screening
Wal Mart in Stockbridge
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Free blood pressure screen. Counseling on risk factors for cardiovascular disease.
Sponsored by Henry Medical Center
Contact: Vicky Ayers (770) 389-2143

9 April 9, 2003

Support Group
Sheltering Arms
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Support group for Spanish speaking families of children with disabilities
Sponsored by Parent to Parent of Georgia
Contact: Mayira Bunting (770) 492-7974

Blood Pressure Screening
Wal Mart in McDonough
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Free blood pressure screening and counseling on cardiovascular risk.
Sponsored by Henry Medical Center
Contact: Vicky Ayers (770) 389-2143

Bone Up On Osteoporosis
The Women's Center of St. Francis
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Class for those with low bone density or osteoporosis and vital information for women experiencing menopause.
Contact: Ask-A-Nurse at (706) 596-4170 to register.

10 April 10, 2003

Depression Screening
North Fulton Career Center, Atlanta, GA
9:30 am to 11:30 am
Free! A 2-hour presentation about symptoms and treatment for depression offered in Spanish.
Sponsored by Families First
Contact: Marcela Alfonsin (770) 641-6764

Una presentación informativa sobre la depresión
Sus síntomas y tratamiento. Esta conferencia será en Español, sin costo alguno.
Patrocinada por Families First
Para mayor información, por favor llame a Marcela Alfonsin
770-641-6764

Diabetes Education Class
Neighborhood Improvement Project Augusta, GA
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
(706) 721-0211

11 April 11, 2003

STDs, HIV/AIDS, and Tuberculosis Prevention
Consulate General of Mexico
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Education on STDs, HIV/AIDS, and Tuberculosis. Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness.
Contact: Claudia Pineda (404) 266-2233 x228

Diabetes Education Class
East Georgia Health Cooperative Swainsboro, GA
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(706) 721-0211

Stress, Depression, & Anxiety Presentation/Screening
Columbus Health Depart. (Nursing Classroom)
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Speakers: The Bradley Center of St. Francis Hospital
(706) 596-4169

12 April 12, 2003

13th Annual Farmworker Health Fair
Lyons County Gym
Local agencies share information on services. Health education. Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers are encouraged to come!
Sponsored by Toombs County Health Department
Contact: Andrea Cruz (912) 526-0089

STD/HIV Prevention Workshop
The Church of The New & Living Way Warner Robins, GA
10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Workshop to provide basic instruction on STD/HIV prevention to youth
Sponsored by The City of Refuge Uplifting Boys to Men
Contact: Teressa Owens (478) 975-0950

A Health Affair
Adamsville Elementary School
286 Wilson Mill Road, Atlanta, Georgia
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Hypertension and Glucose screenings. PAP clinic.
Contact: Nynikka Palmer (404) 315-1123 x 111

Support group for Spanish speaking families of children with disabilities
St. Mark Episcopal Church
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sponsored by Parent to Parent of Georgia
Contact: Eduardo Antunez (706) 271-2735

Health and Physical Fitness Guide
African American Health Information and Resource Center
10:00 am
Release of 2003 Health and Physical Fitness Guide to encourage physical activity
Contact: Ella Williamson (912) 447-6605

14 April 14, 2003

Stress Free Feeding Program
Atlanta Family Learning Center
11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Parent education on healthy eating behaviors and the prevention of childhood obesity.
Sponsored by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Contact: Reandy Just (404) 417-5681

Substance Abuse Prevention
Consulate General of Mexico, Atlanta, GA
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Education provided about substance abuse prevention offered by Intergroup Office of Alcoholics Anonymous.
Contact: Claudia Pineda (404) 266-2233 x228

16 April 16, 2003

Lunch & Learn: Grady Multicultural Affairs
2 Peachtree Street, 36th Floor
12:00 pm - 1:00pm
Come learn about the center and the services it provides. (Bring your own lunch.)
Contact: Flavia Mercado (404) 616-4993

Health Awareness Presentation
Hidden Valley Senior Center
1:00 pm
Dr. Denise DeVeranez will speak on "Preventing Heart Attacks and Cardiovascular Disease".
Sponsored by Henry Medical Center
Contact: Sharon Betsill (770) 898-7419

Lunch & Learn: Preventing & Detecting Breast Cancer
The Women's Center of St. Francis
12:00 pm
Alice Gamman of the American Cancer Society will present information on the prevention and detection of breast cancer.
Contact: Ask-A-Nurse at (706) 596-4170 to register.

17 April 17, 2003

Stress Free Feeding Program
Children's Century Center Rehabilitation Center
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Healthcare providers will receive information on the dynamics of feeding. Healthy eating behaviors and the prevention of childhood obesity.
Sponsored by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Contact: Jennifer Buechner (404) 929-8794

Diabetes Education Class
Neighborhood Improvement Project Augusta, GA
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
(706) 721-0211

18 April 18, 2003

Hispanic Women's Support Group
Chamblee - Doraville Ministry Center
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Contact: Jean Murphy, RN, BSN (770) 451-1030

Support Group
Clayton Developmental Services Building
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Support group for Spanish speaking families of children with disabilities.
Sponsored by Parent to Parent of Georgia
Contact: Wanda Hernandez (770) 566-7976

Support Group
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Support group for Spanish speaking families of children with disabilities.
Sponsored by Parent to Parent of Georgia
Contact: Beatriz Haliszewski (770) 513-4086

Rape Prevention
Consulate General of Mexico, Atlanta, GA
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Education about rape prevention offered by the Grady Rape Crisis Center.
Contact: Claudia Pineda (404) 266-2233 x228

Diabetes Education Class
Tender Care Clinic, Greensboro, GA
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(706) 721-0211

Brain Attack
Columbus Health Depart. (Nursing Classroom)
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Maggie Monahan will provide information on risk factors for stroke, management, and primary prevention. Stroke screenings will be provided.
The Heart Institute of St. Francis Hospital
(706) 596-4000 x2781

19 April 19, 2003

Albany Baptist Ministers Conference
1905 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
Health fair and carnival
Contact: Rev. Daniel Simmons (229) 432-5911

STD/HIV Prevention Workshop
The Church of The New & Living Way, Perry, GA
10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Workshop on STD/HIV Prevention to youth
Sponsored by The City of Refuge Uplifting Boys to Men
Contact: Teressa Owens (478) 975-0950

Carnaval Latino Peachtree 2003
Underground Atlanta
12:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Esta es una celebración de la Cultura Latina a través de la música, cultura y exhibición de los servicios que prestan las organizaciones sin ánimo de lucro
Patrocinado por Southern Latino Foundation

20-26 April 20 - 26, 2003

National Minority Cancer Awareness Week!
The American Cancer Society is working closely with underserved communities to understand the barriers that contribute to cancer disparities, identify community assets that can be mobilized and develop strategies to eliminate disparities.
1-900-227-2345

21 April 21, 2003

Support Group
Marietta Square Main Library
10:00 am - 12:00pm
Support group for Spanish speaking families of children with disabilities.
Sponsored by Parent to Parent of Georgia
Contact: Lizette Santiago (770) 509-1067

Fit Kids
Scottish Rite Rehabilitation Center, Atlanta, GA
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Information on obesity and making lifestyle changes for children ages 3-5 and their families.
Sponsored by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Contact: Beth Passehl (404) 929-8793

Health Services
Consulate General of Mexico, Atlanta, GA
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Southside Medical Center will offer information on available health services.
Contact: Claudia Pineda (404) 266-2233 x228

DUI Prevention
Consulate General of Mexico, Atlanta, GA
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
The Road To Recovery will offer information on prevention of DUI.
Contact: Claudia Pineda (404) 266-2233 x228

Una presentación informativa sobre el estrés
North Fulton Career Center, Atlanta, GA
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sus síntomas y tratamiento. Esta conferencia será en Español, sin costo alguno.
Patrocinada por Families First
Para mayor información, por favor llame a Marcela Alfonsin
770-641-6764

Diabetes Outreach for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Greenbriar Mall, Atlanta, GA
Sponsored by Diabetes Prevention and Control program (DHR)
Contact: Suzi Webb (404) 657-6324

23 April 23, 2003

Cultural Competence and Diversity for Georgia's Healthcare Workforce
Lifeline to Health Radio Program and Public Policy Forum (Open to the Public)
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Remote broadcast from Savannah, GA on 91.1 FM, WSVH and Georgia Public Radio statewide
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Public Policy Forum
1-888-774-0981

Health Awareness Presentation
Hidden Valley Senior Center
1:00 pm
Dr. Denise DeVeranez will speak on "Preventing Heart Attacks and Cardiovascular Disease".
Sponsored by Henry Medical Center
Contact: Sharon Betsill (770) 898-7419

Lunch & Learn: Heart Disease & Diabetes - What You Need to Know
Health Matters of St. Francis
12:00 pm
Speakers: James Cunningham, Ann Blair, and Dianna Thomas talk about improving cardiac health status and reducing the risk of heart disease.
Sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb
Contact: Ask-A-Nurse at (706) 596-4170 to register.

Regional Minority Health Network Historically Black Colleges and Universities Symposium
Savannah State University
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities around the state will meet to plan for the HIV/AIDS Regional Minority Health Networks.
Sponsored by: Office of Minority Health
Contact: Jeffery Roman (404) 463-2289

23&24 April 23 & 24, 2003

Cancer Awareness 2003 "The Champion in You"
Bull Street Library, Savannah, GA
Books on cancer. Information about health promotion, prevention, early detection, and treatment of cancer.
Contact: Deborah C. Dixon (912) 350-8874

25 April 25, 2003

Diabetes Outreach
West End Mall, Atlanta, GA
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Contact: Suzi Webb (404) 657-6324

Hispanic Women's Support Group
Chamblee - Doraville Ministry Center
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Contact: Jean Murphy, RN, BSN (770) 451-1030

Breast Health Awareness
Columbus Health Depart. (Nursing Classroom)
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Speakers will provide information on breast health and how to perform self-breast exams.
Contact: Brandy Green (706) 596-4169

26 April 26, 2003

Health Fair
Woodgate Apartments, Chamblee, GA
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Health fair targeting Latino communities by providing blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, STDs, and HIV screenings.
Sponsored by Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center
Contact: Jean Murphy, RN, BSN (770) 451-1030

Community Health Fair
Eddy Middle School, Columbus, Georgia
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Screenings include: blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, asthma, sickle cell, vision, and breast cancer.
Contact: Lisa Wilkerson (706) 596-4000 x6028

Blood Pressure Screening
Andrew College
8:00 pm
Blood pressure screening and enrollment for PeachCare for Kids.
Sponsored by Southwest Georgia Regional Medical Center
Contact: Teresa Bryant (229) 732-3721

Health Fair for Homeless
Christ Episcopal Church, Augusta, GA
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
(706) 721-0211

Car Seat and Accident Prevention
Centro Catolico, Sandy Springs, GA
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Contact: Claivel Naranjo (404) 303-6162 x16

27 April 27, 2003

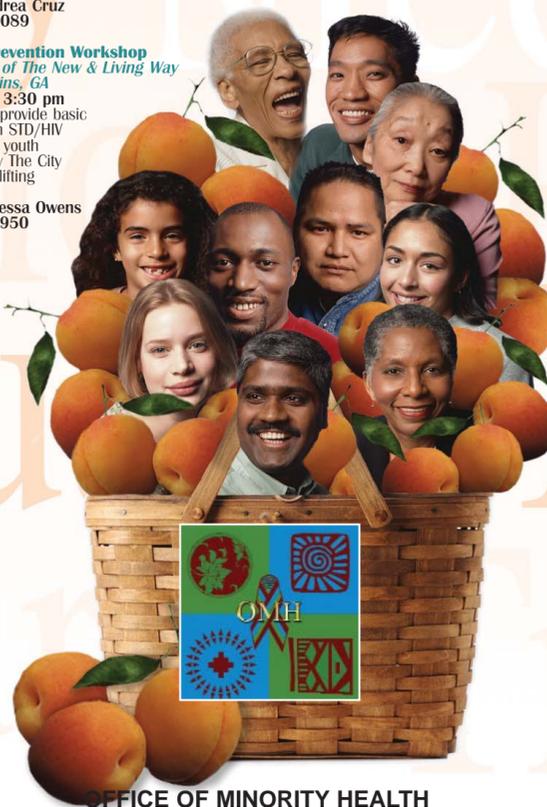
Free Blood Pressure Screenings
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Atlanta, GA
2:00 pm
Sponsored by GHS Dept. of Multicultural Affairs
Contact: Dr. Flavia Mercado (404) 616-4993

29 April 29, 2003

Stress Free Feeding Program
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
A program that educates healthcare providers, whose clients are low income and/or Latino, of how feeding dynamics impact the development of healthy eating behaviors and the prevention of childhood obesity in children from birth to preschool years.
Contact: Jennifer Buechner (404) 929-8794

30 April 30, 2003

Fit Kids
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Information and materials for healthcare providers who serve low income or Hispanic children ages 3-5. Materials will cover obesity and making healthy lifestyle changes.
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About the Office of Minority Health

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) develops initiatives to improve the health of minority communities and works to eliminate the disparities in health status between minority and non-minority populations.

We engage in strategic planning, policy and program development, data development and analysis, health education and awareness, and providing information to help eliminate the existing gap in health status. OMH facilitates community-based, public and private sector efforts to address the delivery of culturally competent healthcare services and to improve access to healthcare for Georgia's minority populations.

The OMH envisions optimal health and wellness for Georgia's ethnic minorities and underserved populations.

OMH Staff: Governor, Gary B. Redding, DCH Commissioner, Debbie Hall, Chief Operating Officer, Lotita Dixon, Jeffery Roman, Suzette Theford

National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month, as established by resolution of the 107th U.S. Congress, promotes educational efforts on the health problems currently facing minorities and other populations experiencing health disparities.

The Georgia Office of Minority Health presents the 2nd edition of the Minority Health and Health Disparities Month calendar. This calendar represents a 30 day, statewide celebration of health and wellness, focusing on eliminating disparities, and increasing access to care through health promotion and disease prevention activities for Georgia's communities of color. Through these efforts we seek to promote healthy lifestyles; provide crucial information to help individuals practice disease prevention; showcase community efforts to address health disparities; and gain additional support for on-going efforts to improve minority health year round.

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April 4

Faith-based Grant Writing Workshop
 Georgia State University Student Center

April 5
Men's Spiritual Health Affair
 Student Center

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Regional Minority Health Network
 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Symposium

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 for Georgia's Healthcare Workforce

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Line to Health Radio Program and Public Policy Forum (Open to public)
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

April 23
Remo broadcast from Savannah, GA on 91.1 FM, MSHVH and Georgia Public Radio statewide.
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

April 23
Public Policy Forum
 1-888-774-0981

April 23
Minority Health Network and the Georgia Office of WellSolve Health Research
 Sponsored by WellSolve Health Research

April 23
Workshop to provide resources and technical assistance for development of programs targeting the African American community.
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 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Symposium
 Savannah State University
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities around the state will meet to develop a plan for the establishment of OMH Regional Minority Health Networks to address local issues of HIV/AIDS
 Sponsored by: Office of Minority Health
 Contact: Jeffery Roman
 404-663-2289

April is also Cancer Control Month.

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NOTE: The times, dates and places of the Minority Health Events included in this calendar are subject to change after the printing deadline. We recommend that you call ahead to verify events.