

Long-Term Services and Supports

# **Caring for Caregivers**



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### Preventing Influenza

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# What is influenza?

• The flu (influenza) is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs that is caused by influenza virus

#### • Influenza Symptoms

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (very tired)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.
- Most people who get influenza will recover in less than two weeks, but it can lead to hospitalization and death

# The Flu: Is it really that serious?

- 3,000 to 49,000 people die from flu-related complications each year
- More than 220,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications
- Groups at high-risk for flu-related complications:
  - Children < 5 years
  - Pregnant women
  - Older adults (50 years and older)
  - People with chronic health problems(e.g. diabetes, heart disease, and asthma)

# Flu in American Indian/Alaska Native (Al/AN)People

- Influenza is one of the leading causes of pneumonia
- Influenza and pneumonia are in the top 10 leading causes of death for AI/AN people
- AI/AN people are more likely to be hospitalized and to die from influenza-related illness than non-Hispanic white populations.
  - During the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, AI/AN people were 4 times more likely to die from H1N1 than other race/ethnic groups\*

\*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Deaths related to 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) among American Indian/Alaska Natives - 12 states, 2009.MMWR. Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2009;58(48):1341---1344.

# Is there a treatment for influenza?

- Prescription medications called "antiviral drugs" can be used to treat flu illness
- Antiviral drugs work best when they are started within 2 days of getting sick
- People at high risk for complications who think they have the flu should consult their doctor to see if antiviral treatment is appropriate
  - Chronic health conditions
  - Children < 5 years
  - Adults 65 years and older
  - Pregnant women

For more information about Influenza Antiviral Treatment: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/antivirals/whatyoushould.htm

## How is influenza spread?

#### • The flu virus spreads:

- Mainly from person to person through droplets spread by coughing, sneezing or talking
- By touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching your mouth or nose

#### • You can spread the flu before you even know you are sick

- You can infect others up to 1 day before you know you are sick and
- Up to 5-7 days after becoming sick

#### Influenza is highly contagious.



# Preventing The Flu

• Flu vaccine is the best way to prevent influenza

- Flu vaccine can keep you from getting sick from the flu
- Getting vaccinated yourself also protects people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness
- IHS requires that all personnel working in an IHS facility receive an annual flu vaccine
  - Patient Protection

### Flu Vaccine Recommendations

- Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccination every year.
- Getting a flu vaccine every year is the best way to protect against the flu.







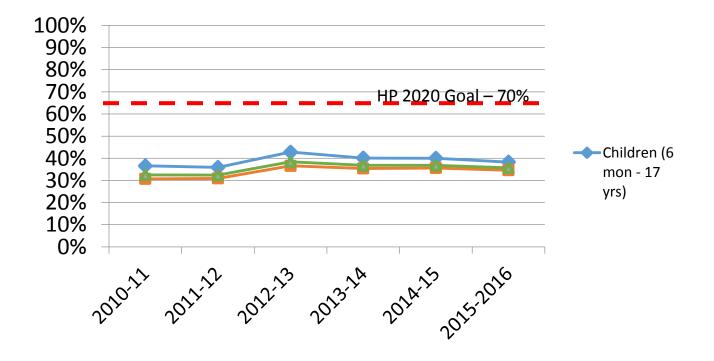


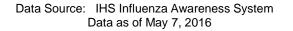




For more information about the flu vaccine, go to www.cdc.gov/flu

#### IHS Patients Flu Vaccine Coverage





N (2015-2016) = 1,080,897 patients (327 facilities)

# Flu Vaccines

- There are many different strains of the flu virus, and the ones that infect people can change every year
- This is why you need to get a flu vaccine every year
- Flu vaccines contain only pieces of killed flu virus, so they cannot give you the flu

# Flu Vaccines are Safe

- You cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine
- The vaccine has been used for 50 years and has been given safely to hundreds of millions of people in the U.S. and around the world
- People with chronic health problems CAN and SHOULD receive influenza vaccine
  - Including people with diabetes, heart disease and asthma
- Pregnant women CAN and SHOULD receive influenza vaccine
  - Studies have shown when a pregnant woman gets her flu vaccine she passes the protection on to her baby

# Flu Vaccine Side Effects

- Serious side effects are extremely rare
- Most side effects are minor and resolve in 1-2 days.
  - Soreness, redness, or swelling where the shot was given
  - Fever
  - Aches
- Side effects from the vaccine are much less serious than getting the flu!

# Are there people who should not get the flu vaccine?

- Infants < 6 months cannot receive the influenza vaccine</li>
- People with severe, life-threatening allergies to flu vaccine or any ingredient in the vaccine should not get the flu vaccine.
- Consult with your doctor before getting vaccinated if you:
  - Have an allergy to eggs or any of the ingredients in the vaccine
  - Ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a severe paralyzing illness, also called GBS)
  - You are not feeling well

# Can you get the flu from the flu vaccine?

- You CANNOT get the flu from the flu vaccine
- The vaccine is made up of pieces of killed (inactivated) virus.
- After vaccination, it takes 2 weeks before your are fully protected
- Don't wait to get vaccinated!

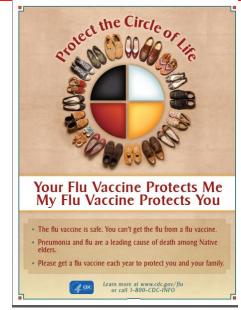
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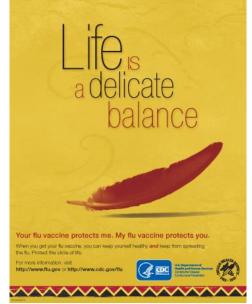
• Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to other people



our flu vaccine protects me. My flu vaccine protects you.

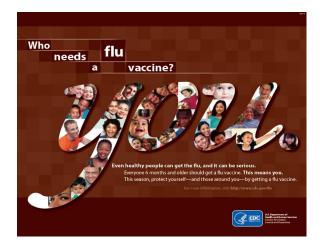






## Protect the Circle of Life

• Protect yourself, your family and your community.



• Get your flu vaccine today.





"Hecel Oyate Kin Nipi Kte -- So That The People May Live"



### **Adult Immunization Materials**

PJ Beaudry, MPH – Director, Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center





### **TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTERS**



### The Community Health Representative (CHR) & Adult Vaccination Project

Background

- Funded by the National Vaccination Program Office
- Based upon partnerships with the Great Plains Community Health Representative Association and the National Association of Community Health Representatives, the Indian Health Service, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Regions VI and VII, KAT Communications, the National Indian Health Board, and others
- Context
  - Less than ideal uptake of vaccinations among adults within many IHS regions (including the Great Plains Area) => negative health outcomes
  - Need to better engage with communities including Tribal communities to educate on the importance of adult vaccinations
  - Recognize that CHRs serve to: 1) influence and undertake health promotion efforts and 2) connect traditionally hard-to-reach populations with health services



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### The Results

- Flu materials (video, posters) launched January 2016
- Adult vaccination materials launched August 2016
- Messaging is light, informative, and directly influenced by the results of our information-gathering efforts with CHRs
- Utilization of GoodHealth TV® and other natural sources of health and other information
- Companion materials for healthcare extenders in production to support outreach and education

- Fact sheets for adult vaccination, FAQs
- Index cards for tracking vaccinations

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#### National Vaccination Project

#### Video Messaging

This promotional video, featuring Joe Creelbad of GoodHealthTV® News, focuses on the importance of annual flu vaccines for the whole family. The video will be shown on GoodHealthTV® where available, and can be accessed and shown through YouTube (below) where GoodHealthTV® is not available.



#### On the GPTEC website at:

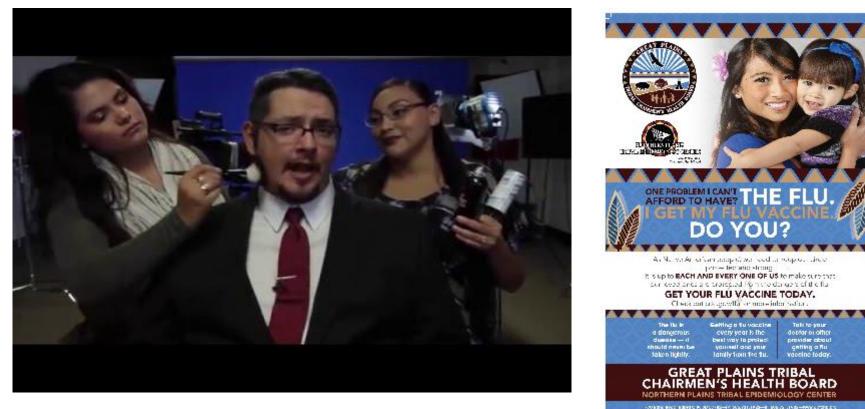
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### Flu Vaccination Materials



(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TN77u-KXZzY)

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"So That The People May Live"



### **Adult Vaccination Materials**



(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUxP6D7PbvQ&feature=youtu.be)



All adults need vaccines to help prevent getting serious diseases that could result not only in poor health, but also missed work, medical bills, and not being able to care for their families.

TALK TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER AND GET THE VACCINES YOU NEED TODAY! Check out cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/index.html for more information.



1770 Rand Road, Rapid City, SD 57702-(P) 605.721.1922-(F) 605.721.1932-www.gptchb.org



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### Vaccine Card

#### Promotion...

#### ... and reminders.







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### **Companion Materials for CHRs**

Vaccine Basics

#### Adult Vaccine Basics



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Addressing Barriers Answering Questions

- How vaccines work
- Why adults need vaccines
- Safety and sideeffects





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### **Companion Materials for CHRs**

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#### Vaccines for Adults

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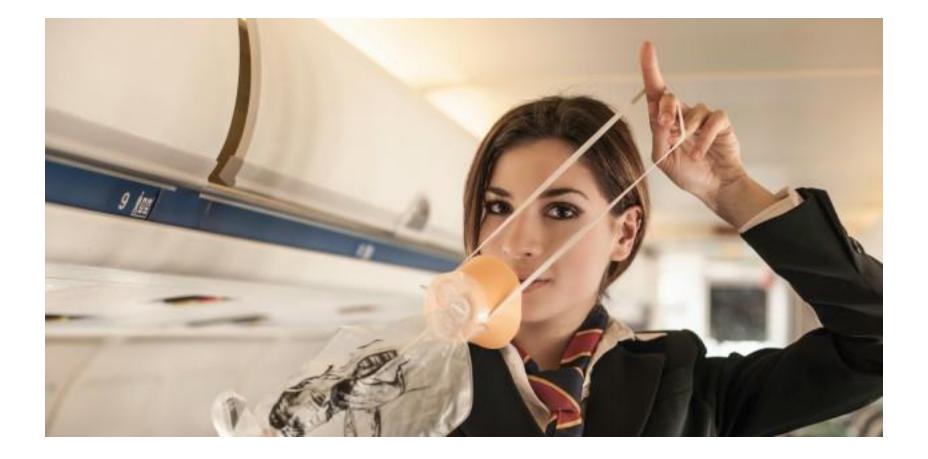
# REACH Into Indian Country Support for the Caregiver

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# Care for others begins with Self care

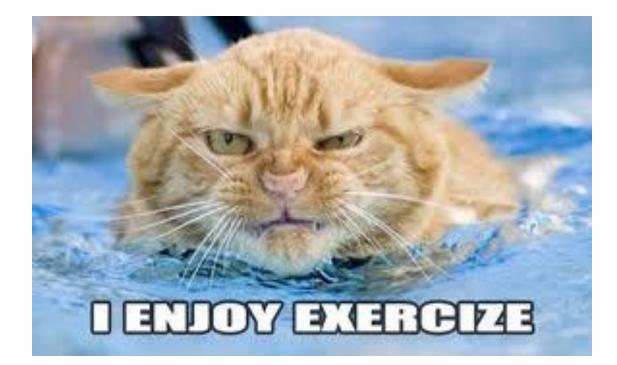


# **Healthy Eating**





### Exercise

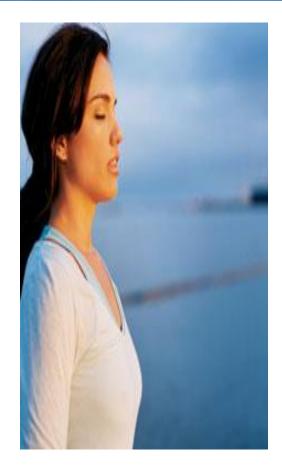


# Sleeping



# Signal Breath

- **Step 1:** Rate your level of tension
- **Step 2:** Take a deep breath and hold it for 3 or 4 seconds
- **Step 3:** Breathe out slowly while saying a word or phrase to yourself, such as "relax," "peace," or "calm down."
- Step 4: While exhaling, let your jaws, shoulders and arms go limp
- **Step 5:** Repeat these steps two more times
- **Step 6**: Rate your level of tension



### Positive Thinking/Mood management

The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking.

**Albert Einstein** 



### Mood Management – Cognitive Restructuring

- Managing the relationship between thoughts and feelings when the problem cannot be changed
  - Identify the situation
  - Identify current thoughts
  - Recognize current emotions/feelings
  - Challenge/replace unhelpful thoughts



- Match milder feelings to milder thoughts

# **Thought Record Example**

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Situation	Current Thoughts	Current Feelings	Challenge & Replace	New Feelings
Lydia's daughter, Jane, becomes angry when anyone other than her mother provides care for her. Lydia has been asked to attend a social event but is concerned about her daughter's reaction.	Jane is being selfish and doesn't think about me. No one else will be able to give her good care. I'm never going to be able to get a break.	Frustrated. Angry. Trapped. Stressed.	Jane may be frightened that someone is going to hurt her. She may be embarrassed to have someone she doesn't know take care of her. Maybe I can get someone she likes.	Less angry. Less frustrated. Hopeful that a solution can be worked out.

# You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you DON'TTRY. Beverly Sills

### **REACH into Indian Country**

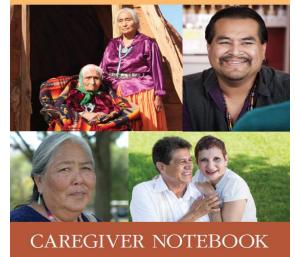
- Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregivers Health in Tribal Communities (REACH into Indian Country)
  - Implement a proven dementia caregiving behavioral program
  - Funded for three years by the RX Foundation
  - Focus on the fit and utility of the program in Tribal communities
  - MOU between IHS and University of Tennessee

### **REACH IC Material – Caregiver Notebook**

#### Caregiver Notebook

- Structures the program
- Educational material (care recipient's condition, safety in the home)
- Stress and coping topics (health, wellbeing)
- Behavior/Issue topics
- Primary resource for now and after program ended
- Given to Caregiver by program coach





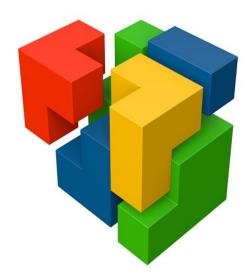
I really, really liked the notebook. It was well organized; the patients were very receptive to it. (Program Coach)

### **Components of the Program**

Problem Solving

Positive Thinking





# **Problem Solving**

- Problems: Increased dependence in dressing, unable to choose appropriate and clean clothing, increased agitation
- Possible solutions:
  - Medication
  - Attendant
  - Lay out clothes
  - Simplify tasks
  - Limit choices
  - Cue, prompt
  - Modify environment





### How Can You Benefit? Focused and Efficient

- Develops a working relationship quickly
- Maximizes staff time and interaction with the caregiver
- Gives staff a targeted way for interaction
- Gives the caregiver exactly what he/she needs
- Empowers caregiver to work on concerns
- Anyone can be trained
- Currently offered at no cost

*It got to the point I don't have to call her* [program coach] *anymore.* (Caregiver)



### **Upcoming Training Dates**

November 10, 2016 November 18, 2016 December 09, 2016 December 15, 2016 January 10, 2017 January 26, 2017 February 10, 2017 February 27, 2017

11:00 am to 2:00 pm ET 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm ET 11:00 am to 2:00 pm ET 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm ET 11:00 am to 2:00 pm ET 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm ET 11:00 am to 2:00 pm ET 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm ET

CEUs available

### Become a REACH Program Coach

For more information

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### **Questions & Answers**

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