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## **IPHA PREPARES INDIANA'S PUBLIC HEALTH PROVIDERS FOR THE FUTURE**

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Look under "Hot Topics" for June's PSA on binge drinking at [www.drugs.indiana.edu/](http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/).

Help us acknowledge the GREAT work of Indiana's prevention providers and recommend a colleague for "In The Spotlight." E-mail JoBeth McCarthy-Jean at [jomccart@indiana.edu](mailto:jomccart@indiana.edu).

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**Lafayette** — Spring 2004's Indiana Public Health Association (IPHA) conference, "Public Health Survivor: Staying in the Game," attracted a congregation of Indiana health professionals unified for the survival and advancement of the Indiana public health infrastructure.

The three-day assembly featured an array of guest lecturers who made presentations with a common theme: the enhancement of the overall quality of Indiana's healthcare system. To ensure the success of community efforts in the future, health professionals must join together now to assess Indiana's healthcare status and services, form partnerships to better serve Indiana's constituents and initiate solid strategies to create competent health professionals.

This year's IPHA conference was a triumph. As stated by IPHA's Executive Director, Jerry King, the

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**June 8-9, 16-17, 22-23, 24-25** - Preparing Successful Grant Proposals (2 day workshops). Various locations. Cost: \$45. For more information, visit: [www.iyi.org/trainings\\_conferences/main.asp](http://www.iyi.org/trainings_conferences/main.asp).

**June 9-11** - 6th Annual Indiana Rural Health Association Conference at the French Lick Springs Resort, French Lick, Indiana. Abstract deadline is April 15, 2004. For more information, visit: [www.indianaruralhealth.org/conference.htm](http://www.indianaruralhealth.org/conference.htm).

conference received a larger participant turnout than in previous years. The increased participation may be attributed to the distinguished panel of speakers, the focus on relevant and emerging health topics or the overwhelming dedication of the health professionals in Indiana.

Dr. Virginia A. Caine, president of the American Public Health Association, was among the notable array of guest lecturers attending. Dr. Caine provided a phenomenal illustration of the current status of the nation's health. Her insightful perspective and examples, ranging from bio-terrorism to HIV, granted the audience with an unbiased view of the nation's current healthcare status and mission. She also emphasized the need for a "unified front" of health professionals, which requires advanced public health training and collaborative efforts on every level.

Another profound lecture was

delivered by the Indiana State Health Commissioner, Gregory A. Wilson, M.D.. Dr. Wilson's presentation, which unveiled the "Community Health Improvement Plan 2004-2007," aligned Indiana's current health status and the proposed health plan for the future. Dr. Wilson reinforced the demand for a unified plan that will standardize the objectives for prevention and treatment efforts in Indiana while complementing the existing programs, services and infrastructure.

The Spring 2004 IPHA conference equipped participants to assess the status and scope of their own localized projects and institutional efforts. Health professionals across the state have already united in excitement and anticipation for next year's IPHA conference.

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**June 15** - The Power of Prevention by Isabel Burk Hamilton County Fairgrounds. Cost \$15. Visit: [www.drugs.indiana.edu/claendar/index.html](http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/claendar/index.html) for the brochure and registration form. For more information, contact Tim Retherford at [tr etherford@hrtc.net](mailto:tr etherford@hrtc.net), 317-326-1150.

**June 17-19** - National Council on Problem Gambling, Inc.'s 18th Annual Conference. "Women and Problem Gambling" will be the focus this year. For more information, visit:

[www.ncpgambling.org/events/view.asp?id=50037283](http://www.ncpgambling.org/events/view.asp?id=50037283).

**June 22** - How can Law Enforcement Engage Parental Involvement in Addressing Youth Access Issues? Teleconference. For more information, visit: [www.udetc.org/Registration.asp](http://www.udetc.org/Registration.asp).

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