



“Healthy Start Happenings”
Healthy Start Coalition
of Bay, Franklin & Gulf Counties
August 2017

August Awareness

World Breastfeeding Week Aug. 1 - 7
Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
National Immunization Awareness Month

The Healthy Start Coalition is excited to announce the award of a Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant and implementation of the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program for 50 high-need families in Bay County. PAT promotes optimal early development, learning and health of young children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers by providing an evidence-based, research-informed home visiting model. PAT direct services will be provided by Gulf Coast Children’s Advocacy Center’s staff beginning this month.

- ♥ In recognition of World Breastfeeding week, Breastfeeding Task Force of Bay County and surrounding areas is hosting two **Celebrations and BIG Latch Ons**, for more information call 850-747-5775:
 - ◆ Friday, August 4th, 10:00–11:30 EST, at the FL Dept. of Health Gulf County.
 - ◆ Saturday, August 5th, 9:30am–12:00, at the A. D. Harris Learning Village.
- ♥ Franklin County’s **Breastfeeding Awareness Walk** is being held on Saturday, August 5th, at 5:50 PM EST, at the Riverfront Park in Apalachicola. Refreshments and educational giveaways will be provided.
- ♥ The **Fetal and Infant Mortality Review** meeting will be held Monday, August 7th, at Bay Medical Center’s Community Board Room, RSVP to Kelly at 872-4130, ext. 102.
- ♥ The **Interagency Meeting** - The next meeting will be held Friday, August 18th, 12:00pm-1:00pm, at The Place on Harrison Avenue. The meeting is open to all social service agencies’ personnel.
- ♥ **Mental Health First Aid Course** - offered by Life Management will be held on August 18th, 8:00am–5:00pm, at FSU Panama City. For more information call 850-522-4485 ext. 1107.

News from the FIMR/Program Coordinator:

Healthy Start’s 2017 Walk to Remember will take place on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. For more information on sponsorship, participation, walk signs or to volunteer, please contact Kelly at the Healthy Start Coalition office at 850-872-4130 x 102.