

## **Don't Miss Barn Raising V and Your Chance to Celebrate 125 Years of Public Health for the State of Iowa**

Mark your calendars now for July 28-29 and plan to attend the 2005 Governor's Conference on Public Health. The conference, "Barn Raising V: Building Iowa as a Healthy Community," will be held at Drake University and it coincides with the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of public health efforts in the state of Iowa.

"Those who attend can expect to return to their communities revitalized and energized with new perspectives and information," said Mary Mincer Hansen, R.N., Ph.D., director of the Iowa Department of Public Health. "I encourage health professionals and others to join us as we celebrate our past and examine our present efforts so that we can set the course for building healthy communities in our future."

The conference offers nearly 50 breakout and training sessions with respected leaders in the public health field, and CEUs for attendees. **The Nursing Home Administrator Examiners, Professional Licensure, of the Iowa Department of Public Health has approved this program for 12 hours of CEUs for long-term care administrators.** The complete list of CEUs available is on the Iowa Public Health Website ([www.@idph.state.ia.us](http://www.@idph.state.ia.us)) under conferences.

The registration fee for the two-day event is \$50. Registration information is included in the brochure to be distributed in May. On-line registration is also available.

For more information about the conference, contact Mary Weaver at [maryweaver@prairienet.net](mailto:maryweaver@prairienet.net) or 515-360-8046. For more information about registration, contact Training Resources at [www.trainingresources.org](http://www.trainingresources.org) or 515-309-3315.

Two special training sessions—one on depression and the other on mandatory reporting requirements—will be offered July 27 and 28 for registered conference participants. The registration fee is \$20 for each of the two sessions and covers training costs and materials, CEUs, and a light supper.

“Beyond Depression: Best Practices for Treating Major Depression: Training for Medical and Community Providers” is offered from 2:30 to 8:00 p.m. on July 27. Joan Blundall, MCA, HCA, and Carol J. Hodne, Ph.D., MA, both of Higher Plain Inc. are the presenters for the session, which is designed to increase the knowledge of best practices in treating major depression.

The target audience includes physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, and human service providers. For more information, contact Blundall at 319-643-5628 or at [joan-blundall@higherplain.org](mailto:joan-blundall@higherplain.org).

Kimberly Groves, LBSW, will conduct the session on child abuse reporter training, “Abuse Mandatory Reporter Training” from 6 to 8 p.m. on July 28. The session meets the state’s requirement for training mandatory reporters who are required to report child abuse only. The Abuse Education Review Panel has approved this curriculum (#401) for child abuse mandatory reporter training.

A dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training is also offered by Diana Nicholls-Blomme, R.N., of the Iowa Department of Public Health from 8 to 10 p.m. on July 28. This workshop meets the state’s requirement for training mandatory reporters who are required to report dependent adult. The Abuse Education Review Panel has approved this curriculum (#163) for dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training. For more information, contact Nicholls-Blomme at 515-281-3347 or [dblomme@idph.state.ia.us](mailto:dblomme@idph.state.ia.us).

*Note: Mandatory reporters for children and dependent adults will need to take both parts of the training.*