



The Children's Home Society of New Jersey Will Host a Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, June 28th at Lakewood Town Square



Toms River, NJ (June 17, 2014) – The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHSofNJ) Improving Pregnancy Outcomes Program (IPO): Every Woman Counts will host a Health and Wellness Fair as part of their efforts to educate the community about preconception, prenatal and interconception care. The IPO Program has joined with CHSofNJ's Ocean County Family Success Center (OCFSC) to offer a variety of free health services and support to teenagers and women of childbearing age. Services include pregnancy testing, health and well-being classes, one-on-one support, informational resources, assistance with NJ Family Care applications, and referrals to WIC, Head Start, the SNAP Program and local health centers. They will offer workshops on nutrition, stress management, prenatal care, childbirth preparation, baby care, and safety, and will work with trained Community Health Workers to provide assistance in obtaining donations of folic acid, diapers, and other baby essentials. In addition, the IPO program works in collaboration with the Central Jersey Family Health Consortium to provide referrals, perinatal risk assessments and linkages via the newly created Ocean County Central Intake system managed by the Consortium.

The Health and Wellness Fair, scheduled for Saturday, June 28th, will be open from 1:30PM – 4:00PM at the Lakewood Town Square at the corner of Clifton Avenue and 3rd Avenue in Lakewood, NJ. The free event is open to the public and will include fun activities, consultations, giveaways, and educational materials through the collaboration of several community partners.

"We want to do whatever we can to improve birth outcomes in the state of New Jersey," said Choresse Chambers, CHSofNJ OCFSC Supervisor. "We are so proud to have brought this program to Ocean County, and feel strongly that if given access to the proper health and pregnancy information, women in Ocean County will take the necessary steps and precautions to ensure the health and success of their pregnancies."

In addition, the Health and Wellness Fair will feature a performance by students of the Trenton Education Dance Institute (TEDI), a program of CHSofNJ. TEDI is a ground-breaking program that teaches Trenton public School students critical life skills such as cooperation, confidence, determination and pride in personal achievement through the art of dance.

A potential rain date is planned for Sunday, June 29th in the event of inclement weather. For more information about this event, please contact Fatima Reynolds or Heather Greenwood at 732-557-5037.

About The Children's Home Society of New Jersey

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is a nonprofit child and family serving agency whose mission is to save children's lives and build healthy families. Founded in 1894, the agency protects abused or neglected infants and at-risk children by insuring stable, permanent, and loving homes for each and every child it serves. All services are confidential and most are free. For more information, visit our website at chsofnj.org.