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Future ULACHES meetings:

Oct.26-27, 06:	Ogden
January 25-26, 07:	SLC
April 19-20, 07:	St. George
July 12-13, 07:	Provo
Oct.18-19, 07:	Heber
January 08:	Farmington
April 08:	Vernal
July 08:	Park City or Tooele
October 08:	Price

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Accomplishments of 2006:

This year has been the final phase of implementing UDART, *Utah's Data Analysis and Reporting Tool*. Since this project was first launched in response to our request for a consistent method to report our Health Promotion activities, we have been very pleased with the results. Originally launched as a MS Access database, it is now fully functional via the internet.

UDART was developed with assistance from tobacco funding, and was originally piloted with tobacco programs, but this year was fully implemented with all Health Promotion programs. UDART allows LHDs to run quarterly and annual progress reports, fulfill process evaluation requirements, and query specific data elements to improve public health planning.

The Injury Program completed an ambitious project to develop their own Car Seat Safety video, collaborating with several agencies both local and statewide. The DVDs were finalized and distributed earlier this year, giving parents a complete guide to installing the often-confusing car seats.

In July of this year, local tobacco program staff from all health districts came together via videoconference in a successful Tobacco Sharing Conference. We now plan to repeat these ULACHES-initiated conferences periodically to share updates such as information from national conferences where only a few local staff are able to attend.

Goals for 2007:

The annual Injury Summit will be earlier this year, September 26-27 in Provo. Next year will see more progress in the gradual transition from our infant passenger focus to teens and older drivers.

Our Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Workgroup is conducting an in-depth look at our Gold Medal Schools (GMS) programs and how those partnerships and processes can be improved. The GMS program will be expanded from elementary into middle schools next year.

"WHAT IS ULACHES?"

No, it does not refer to the latches on your seat belts, nor is it about the lakes of northern Utah. ULACHES was originally meant to include everyone who is a Community Health Education Specialist, or all who work in Health Education programs in Utah. Our quarterly meetings now include directors of Health Promotion from each LHD, and many of our committees and activities encompass all local Health Educators throughout Utah.

ULACHES MISSION

The mission of ULACHES is to assure quality health education programs in Utah through training, public health policy advocacy, monitoring the allocation of resources, and promoting positive relationships between all local health departments, the Utah Department of Health and other agencies.

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The Tobacco Workgroup is updating Recommended Guidelines to ensure that our tobacco programs base their efforts on research-based successful practices.

All of our Health Promotion programs have the goal of working collaboratively with Environmental Health, WIC, and others, in ways we can support each other's programs

Financial Report:

We do not collect dues from members, nor hold financial accounts.

ULACHES PURPOSE

- Encourage and promote community health education programs and activities that will motivate the public we serve to lead healthier lifestyles
- Coordinate local health department resources with federal, state and other local agencies.
- Provide leadership and direction for improving the delivery of community health education services.
- Keep our members abreast of the latest research, development and pertinent information relative to community health education, by providing training and in-services at regularly scheduled meetings.
- Advocate responsible public health legislation at the federal, state and local level.

For additional information about ULACHES please visit :

<http://health.utah.gov/bhp/ulaches/HPOM/LHD/ULACHES.htm>

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