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## Member Newsletter



### Coalition News

#### 2010 Member Survey Coming Soon by Mail and Email

Next month, Coalition members will receive a 2010 Member Survey by mail and email. Our goal is to identify which areas of information, personal and professional development, education and advocacy members are most interested in. The survey should only a few minutes to complete, but will be of great assistance to the board of directors and staff. Thank you in advance for your help. We look forward to hearing from you. For more information, contact Karlene Ketola, executive director at 517.381.8000, Ext. 218.

#### New State Oral Health Plan for Michigan Document Released at 2010 Conference

Participants at the Coalition's annual conference were offered a first look at the new State Oral Health Plan. The revised Plan document is structured to provide the reader with the updated prevalence of oral disease in the state. It is followed by the Oral Health Plan which introduces the action steps adopted by the Michigan Department of Community Health in alliance with its various partner organizations to meet these needs. The Plan is available [on-line](#).



### State News

#### Election Primaries Scheduled August 3 1.7 Million Votes Expected to Cast Ballots

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land estimates that 1.7 million voters will turn out at the polls for Tuesday's primary. Residents can view a copy of their sample ballot, find their polling place and locate their local clerk at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote). They can also learn about obtaining an absentee ballot, track the status of an absentee ballot they have requested, and find out more about voting equipment. The Secretary of State's Bureau of

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Elections will post unofficial election returns, as they are available, on its website. Go to [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos) and click on "Elections in Michigan."

## Legislative Update

### **No Movement on MDCH Budget**

This spring, House and Senate passed their versions of the Michigan Department of Community Health budget which fully reinstates adult dental. The budget will now go to conference committee. Coalition staff will continue to keep you updated on the budget process. If you have any specific questions, please contact Karlene Ketola at 517.381.8000, Ext. 218.

## Jackson Dentist Participates in Pollution Prevention Office Eliminates Waste, Improves Environment and Service

A pollution prevention project proposed by Donald J. Powers, DDS, PC has received a \$131,869.30 low interest loan through the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's Small Business Pollution Prevention Loan Program, the DNRE.

Dr. Powers will use the funds to install a digital work station and milling unit at his Jackson dental office. The project will replace their existing conventional dental impression process with the digital work station and milling unit thereby eliminating polyvinyl impression and stone model wastes exceeding 300 pounds per year. Similar loans are available to all private business sectors including farming, manufacturing, retail and service. For more information, contact the DNRE's Environmental Assistance Center at 800.662.9278.

## MDCH Offers Free Webinar on August 12

### **Conducting the Community Scan**

The Tobacco Prevention and Control Section at the Michigan Department of Community Health announces a free webinar on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT. The webinar is titled "Conducting the Community Scan: Using the Information to Strengthen the FDA's Tobacco Control Act and Protect Our Youth." For more information, contact Elaine Lyon at [lyone@michigan.gov](mailto:lyone@michigan.gov).

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## **National News**

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## Americans with Disabilities Act

### **Historic Legislation Marks 20th Anniversary**

First taking effect on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has made participating in everyday life less challenging for people with disabilities by reducing barriers to education and employment opportunities and by improving communication capabilities and environmental navigation.

Michigan Department of Civil Rights Director Daniel H. Krichbaum stated, "This anniversary commemorates the hard work and sacrifice that advocates made to achieve the ADA, and the continuing struggle for equality and respect. As the entity charged with enforcing Michigan's

protections about discrimination, we are proud to be a part of the celebration."

For more information on the ADA, visit <http://adaanniversary.org>.

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition's mission is to improve oral health in Michigan by focusing on prevention, health promotion, oral health data, access and the link between oral health and overall health.

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