

Teaching habits like eating nutritious snacks help set your kids up for a healthy lifestyle.





# July 4

Happy 4th of July!

Tomorrow (July 3) is the last day to provide feedback on the 2018 MCH Block Grant! Please take time to review the application and give your input.

2018 MCH Block Grant: http://tinyurl.com/2018BlockGrant Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5GPZQ62



## July 7

July is UV safety month. Check out these great tips on choosing a sunscreen to protect yourself and your family from UV rays. For the full article check out: tinyurl.com/choosing-sunscreen



It's National Park & Recreation Month! Celebrate by getting outside this weekend. Check out these great tips for having fun and being active outdoors with the family. For the full article check out: tinyurl.com/hiking-with-the-family

# ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS WITH YOUR KIDS PT. 2

Tips to make the adventure fun for the whole family.

- **Pick a leader and make sure to rotate.** Kids love feeling like they are in charge. Have the children take turns leading the group—this is also a great way to make sure the pace is one the kids feel comfortable with.
- **Make it fun!** The key to hiking success is to keep the kids motivated and having fun—so why not combine the two? Create games that you and your children can play along the way, like "I spy" or a scavenger hunt.
- Believe in the power of positive reinforcement. This is something parents excel at, and it shouldn't be left at the trailhead. Kids need to hear they are doing an awesome job, especially if it's their first time out on the trail.
- Leave no trace. Teach kids to "pack it in, pack it out" by making sure to collect all trash. Gallon size Ziploc bags work well for this.
- Hike often! Start a family tradition of going hiking one or more times a month. Kids love adventure and new things, and hiking is a great way to get the family active while getting quality time together.

Information from wilderness.org/blog/take-your-kids-hiking-10-tips-make-adventure-fun-whole-family

# ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS WITH YOUR KIDS PT. 1

Tips to make the adventure fun for the whole family.

- **Keep it easy & feature-friendly.** Select a hike that isn't too long or strenuous, and pick a trail that has some features, like a lake, stream, or waterfall to keep kids occupied and give them a goal to reach.
- Time is your friend—so plan for lots of it. Kids are natural explorers, so don't rush them. Let them discover and examine things; maybe you'll find something new, too!
- Prepare for anything. This pretty much goes for any hike, regardless of whether or not a child is involved. Make sure you always have extra food, sunscreen, and first aid supplies.
- Dress for success. Check the weather beforehand and dress appropriately. It's a good idea to always bring extra layers and rain jackets for everyone. Make sure your kids are wearing good hiking shoes.
- Plan frequent energy stops. Hiking requires a lot of energy. Make plenty of pit stops to eat shacks and drink some fluids. You can also use energy breaks as a way to keep your child moving by saying, "at that footbridge, we'll take a break and have a snack."

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#### July 12

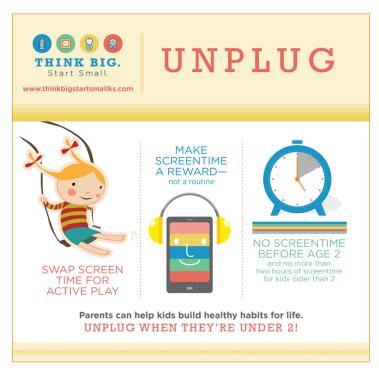
Part 2 of tips on hiking outdoors as a family. Find a park near you and celebrate National Park & Recreation Month! Hiking and walking are a great way to be active and healthy.

For the full article check out: tinyurl.com/hiking-with-the-family



### **July 17**

Remember to limit screen time with your kids, it leads to healthier habits like being physically active. Learn more: thinkbigstartsmallks.com





#### Kansas Maternal & Child Health

July 18 at 8:42am · 🚱

All pregnant women should be tested for syphilis at their first prenatal visit. The CDC's video walks healthcare providers through 3 steps to protect their patients! Talk, Test, and Treat.



# Reducing Syphilis Rates: A Healthcare Provider's Role

Walks healthcare providers through the three key actions that they can take to help reverse the rising syphilis rates: Talk, Test, and Treat. Comments on thi...

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### July 20

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. Getting trained can help you better serve and support MCH population groups. Find local courses at http://tinyurl.com/Courses-Near-You.



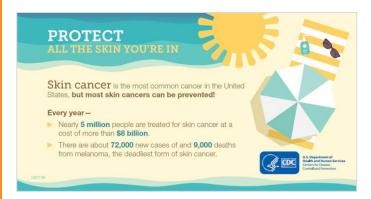
Join the Kansas Special Health Care Needs program in a discussion around engaging families as professional partners! Learn more and pre-register at http://www.kdheks.gov/ shcn/meetings/.



#### July 25

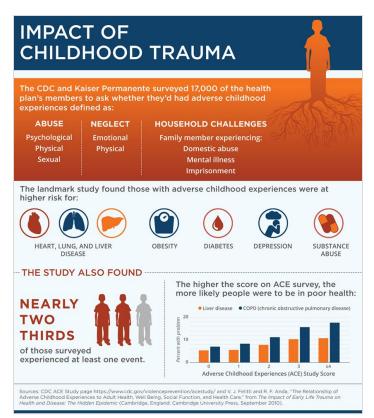
July is UV Safety Month! Use these 4 methods to protect your family from the summer sun and decrease their risk of skin cancer.

\*If your child is younger than 6 months follow these guidelines instead: http://tinyurl.com/Babies-and-sun.







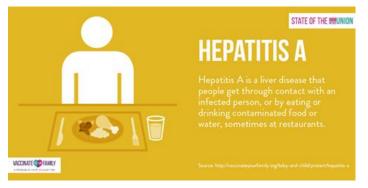


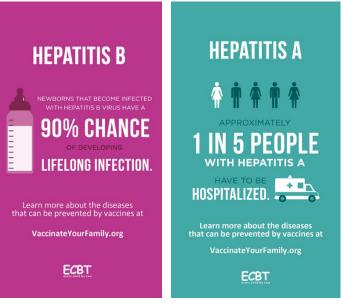
Early childhood experiences are an important public health issue. Find child abuse and neglect prevention strategies for states & communities at http://tinyurl.com/CDCChildAbusePrevention.

## July 28

Today is World Hepatitis Day

To prevent hepatitis the HepB vaccine should be given at birth, while 2 doses of the HepA vaccine are given at 12-23 months and then 6-18 months after the first. (http://tinyurl.com/CDC-hepA & http://tinyurl.com/CDC-HepatitisB)





Booster seats provide the right fit and protection for children who are too big for a car seat but too small for a seat belt. View the graphic larger at http://tinyurl.com/ybzrew3m.

