Please submit articles for the newsletter to Jessica Wright at Jessica.Wright@barrenriverhealth.org. Submissions will be reviewed for approval.

Learn more about tornado safety at www.ready.gov/tornadoes (click here)

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
Tornado Drill Results:

- Barren – 13 employees and 2 visitors; total 15
- Butler – 3 Staff and 1 client; total 4
- Edmonson – 4 employees and 1 client; total 5
- Hart – 4 employees, 2 clients; total 6
- Logan – 6 employees and 0 clients; total 6
- Metcalfe – 2 employees and 0 clients; total 2
- Simpson – 5 employees and 0 clients; total 5
- Warren – 58 employees, 1 client and 2 visitors; total 61
- Overall total – 104 participants

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Barren River District Health Department

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What to Watch For

Here are some signs that a child may be in an unsafe situation:

- Withdrawal from friends or usual activities
- Changes in behavior such as aggression, anger, hostility, or hyperactivity or changes in school performance
- Depression, anxiety or unusual fears, or a sudden loss of self-confidence
- An apparent lack of supervision
- Frequent absences from school
- Reluctance to leave school activities, as if he or she doesn't want to go home
- Attempts at running away
- Rebellious or defiant behavior
- Self-harm or attempts at suicide

Do you know a new or expecting parent would could use an extra pair of hands? Click here for info on BRDHD's HANDS Program!

HANDS Program is always accepting referrals!

Contact Tammy.Drake@barrenriverhealth.org to learn more about the HANDS Program
We are asking that all employees find the designated safe place in their building and take a #SafePlaceSelfie. The safe place would be the same one that employees gathered to for the tornado drill earlier in the month. After you have taken the selfie, please send those in to ashli.mccarty@barrenriverhealth.org.

APRIL IS NATIONAL FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH:

Be prepared for a natural disaster or an emergency is very important. Sometimes when preparing we may tend to overlook financial preparedness. Americans at all income levels have experienced the challenges of rebuilding their lives after a disaster or other emergency. Having access to personal, financial, insurance, medical, and other records is crucial for starting the recovery process quickly and efficiently.

Some great ways to ensure you are prepared at home is to store important documents either in a safety deposit box, an external hard drive, or on the cloud for easy access during a disaster. Documents to keep in a safe or safety deposit box include: household identification such as photo IDs, birth certificates, social security cards, pet ID tags and proof of vaccination, medical records, and insurance policies.

TIP: Keep important documents for each family member and pet in a small lock box that you can quickly grab in case of emergency evacuation. Choose a combination lock so you don't have to remember a key!
The Preparedness Team is looking for interested employees to join us in planning for emergency responses. Committee members will assist in reviewing and updating our current plans by providing subject matter input. We are looking for each Branch and each county to be represented. If you are interested in Disaster Preparedness or want to learn more about the process, this is the committee for you. Email Janarae.Conway@barrenriverhealth.org to join!
IT'S SURVEY TIME!!!

We want to make BRDHD a better place for you!
Take the Workforce Culture Survey below:

CLICK HERE

We want your feedback.

Last day to take BRDHD's Workforce Culture Survey!

Five survey respondents will receive 7.5 hours of PTO!
Winner will be chosen randomly.

Meetings:
District Wide:
June 24th at 9am
District Board of Health:
May 16th at 5pm
Local Board of Health
Barren: April 12th at 12pm
Butler: April 1st at 12pm
Edmonson: May 18th at 12pm
Hart: June 9th at 11am
Logan: May 19th at 12pm
Metcalfe: May 10th at 12pm
Simpson: May 12th at 12pm
Warren: June 13th at 5pm

PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
- Be a subject matter expert to the preparedness and response branch
- Assist in reviewing and updating agency preparedness and response plans
- Influence future preparedness trainings

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
- Lead as a QI expert
- Give direct input on the agency QI Plan
- Track wins and learn from challenges
- Implement change throughout the health department

APPLY TODAY!

DON’T FORGET
April 15th : 1/2 Day
Hey Fur Parents! Send in photos of your fur babies (or even the ones with scales!) to show them off in the next edition of the Barren River Rundown. Send photos to Jessica.Wright@barrenriverhealth.org. Let's make people SMILE!

Follow BRDHD on social media!

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