

## **MONTHLY NEWS**

## Resources

## **Online Childhood Immunization Education Program Launches!**

MaineHealth Educational Services (MHES) and the Child Health team are proud to announce the release of a new childhood immunization online learning series for pediatric and family medicine clinical support staff! The MaineHealth Childhood Immunization Education and Training Program, a multi-disciplinary, collaborative project, involved hours of meeting, scripting, editing, designing and recording over the past two years.

Working with clinical experts and MHES, The Child Health team adapted its in-person curriculum into online modules that include video presentations, demonstrations, interactive elements, as well as built-in knowledge assessments. Integrating online games to increase participant engagement as well as assess knowledge was a first for MHES instructional designers.

Member organizations have already sent over clinical support staff through the original program. This new and improved content and format will increase accessibility to the program while continuing to offer standardized, evidence-based education to clinical support staff. More importantly, the modules will continue to ensure that MaineHealth clinicians are trained and adhere to immunization best-practices, a cornerstone of the program since its inception in 2013. Some member organizations have chosen to utilize this program as a prerequisite to administering immunizations and the use of standing orders.

This 2.5 hour online module series can be completed at participants' own pace. Upon successful completion of a final, comprehensive online assessment, participants attend an in-person skills lab with clinical evaluation by MaineHealth-trained clinical evaluators.

MaineHealth's Childhood Immunization Education and Training Program continues to be a reliable training resource and professional development opportunity for clinical support staff involved in childhood immunizations. Our collective goal is for all MaineHealth clinical support staff to have the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to safely and effectively administer childhood immunizations from start to finish.

To view the video click **here**.

To learn more about this program, click here or email <a href="mailto:childhealth@mainehealth.org">childhealth@mainehealth.org</a>.