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"My name is Brad Jones, a Network Care Coordinator who attended your training at RIC. The presentation was very informative, and I think the KIDSNET database is an amazing tool that I am definitely going to utilize." -**Bradley Jones, Network Care Coordinator, Child & Family**

KIDSNET WELCOMES

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TIP OF THE DAY

The Provider History section found on the Demographic page is a useful resource to facilitate coordination of care for children who have been seen by different providers in Rhode Island. The **Current Primary Care Physician (PCP)** is the last PCP to immunize the child. A listing of "other" providers and clinics will follow the current PCP. The list is populated beginning with the most recently visited provider.



KIDSNET GROUP ADMINISTRATORS PLAY A KEY ROLE

KIDSNET Group Administrators can and should **change passwords**, **add new users**, and **terminate users** from their group when applicable. These three functions can be performed through the **User Management** link in the left navigation bar. Please remember to terminate all users who leave and no longer require User ID and Password access to KIDSNET.

If you are a newly designated KIDSNET group administrator please contact **Janet Limoges, 222-7681**, or **Gail Barbone Miller, 222-4644**, to arrange for a training.

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROVIDES A HEALTHY START

At a WIC appointment, the eligible client will be weighed, measured, and have an iron screening. The client will then speak with a nutritionist for suggestions on eating healthy and will be given any referrals that they may need. The nutritionist will provide a food prescription along with checks for healthy foods. Fathers, grandparents, and foster parents can also apply for WIC to receive supplemental nutrition benefits for infants and children who are five years old or younger in their care. The program also provides breastfeeding support and promotion to new moms and families.

If your patient is enrolled in WIC, the **KIDSNET** link in the left navigation bar will be underlined. The KIDSNET WIC program page provides the following information: **Certification date, visit date, height and weight at visit, blood tests for the last 12 months, risk factors, and the WIC agency contact information.**

For more information about WIC, supplemental nutrition program, visit: www.health.ri.gov/programs/wic/

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT OBSERVATION TABLE AND GROWTH CHARTS

Growth charts are now available for WIC participants through the **Initiative for a Healthy Weight** link in the left navigation bar in KIDSNET. A print-friendly version of the Height and Weight Observation table is available by clicking in the top right corner of the screen.

KIDSNET USAGE IS INCREASING

During 2013, KIDSNET users opened over 2 million pages in KIDSNET to view information about children's preventive services. On average, approximately 1,000 unique users log in each month. In the last quarter of 2013, users opened KIDSNET program screens: Early Intervention 1,065 times, Home Visit 2,409 times, Hearing 3,398 times, Immunization 58,657 times, Lead 12,195 times, and WIC 2,589 times.



IMMUNIZATIONS ADDED TO KIDSNET

Many provider offices enrolled in the State Supplied Vaccine (SSV) program have taken advantage of the HL7 interface grant available through the Rhode Island Department of Health's KIDSNET program. The majority of Rhode Island providers are now sending immunization data to KIDSNET electronically from their electronic health records. The percent of immunizations added to KIDSNET electronically reached 78.4% in the last quarter of 2013.

The KIDSNET data entry team also enters data from provider data sheets. Statewide, in the last quarter of 2013 over 70% of immunization records were reported to KIDSNET within two weeks from the time the vaccine was administered, but over 10% were reported more than 30 days after administration.

The State Supplied Vaccine (SSV) agreement requires reporting within seven days of vaccine administration.

IMMUNIZATIONS SUBMITTED TO KIDSNET BY OTHER PROVIDERS REPORT

Thousands of children were vaccinated in Rhode Island school-based clinics for the 2013-2014 school year. Immunization information is sent to KIDSNET electronically from the Wellness Company and will appear in a child's KIDSNET immunization chart within a few days. It is recommended that provider staff run the "Immunizations submitted to KIDSNET by other Providers" report to find out if their patients received flu shots elsewhere. The report can be accessed by clicking "Provider Reports" on the left-hand menu and selecting report #9.

HOME VISITING PROGRAM REFERRALS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Maternal and Child Home Visiting Programs focus on improving the well-being of families with young children. These programs send trained nurses, social workers, community health workers, or other professionals to meet with families in their homes at times convenient for the family. Visits are based on the needs of the parent and child and are different for every family. Home visits are voluntary and can answer all types of questions related to prenatal care, caring for a new baby, breastfeeding, sleeping, child development, health and nutrition, and family supports. Home visitors can also link families to community-based resources such as the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program, Early Intervention, family support services, and more.

If you are a healthcare provider, social service provider, or other professional who sees pregnant women and families with young children, refer those who may benefit from home visiting and support by faxing a referral form to the number indicated on the form: www.health.ri.gov/forms/referral/MaternalAndChildHomeVisiting.pdf.

Home visiting information from the First Connections program is available in KIDSNET. Additional home visiting program information will be available in the future. For more information, contact **Perry Gast, 222-4606, perry.gast@health.ri.gov** or **Sara Remington, 222-5946, sara.remington@health.ri.gov**.

KIDSNET CAN NOW ACCEPT HL7 2.5.1 TEST MESSAGES

Immunization data sent electronically to KIDSNET must be formatted using HL7 standards. As of February 3, 2014 KIDSNET began accepting HL7 version 2.5.1 test messages as described in Rhode Island's HL7 2.5.1 Implementation Guide for Immunization Messaging. Providers who would like to send immunization data electronically or who wish to upgrade from HL7 version 2.3.1 to version 2.5.1 must notify KIDSNET of their intent.

Completion of the Registration of Intent to test is required if:

- The provider is testing HL7 immunization messages to KIDSNET for the first time.
- The provider did not establish ongoing submission of HL7 immunization messages to KIDSNET production prior to 1/1/14.
- The provider currently has ongoing submission of HL7 2.3.1 immunization messages to KIDSNET production but wishes to test HL7 2.5.1.

KIDSNET continues to accept HL7 2.3.1 messages from those providers that were sending to KIDSNET Production prior to 12/31/2013. Additional Information is available on the **Meaningful Use – Immunization Objective** at: www.health.ri.gov/healthinformationtechnology/about/meaningfuluse/immunizations/index.php. For more information contact **Jeff Goggin, Immunization Interface Manager, 222-4968, jeff.goggin@health.ri.gov**

CURRENT VACCINATION INFORMATION STATEMENTS (VIS)

Vaccine	VIS Date	Vaccine	VIS Date	Vaccine	VIS Date	Vaccine	VIS Date	
Chickenpox	3/13/08	Hib	2/14/14	Meningococcal	10/14/11	PPSV	10/06/09	
DTaP/DT/DTP	5/17/07	HPV	5/17/13	MMR	4/20/12	Polio	11/08/11	
Hepatitis A	10/25/11	Influenza (LAIV)	7/26/13	Multi-vaccine	11/16/12	Rotavirus	08/26/13	
Hepatitis B	2/02/12	Influenza (TIV)	7/26/13	PCV13	2/27/13	Td/Tdap (use for Td)	2/4/14	
Please replace outdated VIS forms by ordering current versions: www.health.ri.gov/forms/onlineordering/form_immunization.php							Tdap (use for Tdap)	05/09/13