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FUN FACT:
ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, A RECORD
453 USERS
LOGGED IN TO USE KIDSNET.



"I also would like to say how much all the nurses at the Bradley schools enjoy the benefit of using KIDSNET. Many times we have not received the necessary paperwork from physicians' offices or it is an incomplete record due to the student having moved around the state. I would venture to say that our schools use KIDSNET on an almost weekly basis and having it saves us valuable time. KIDSNET ROCKS!!!!"

*Rob Lewis, RN
Bradley School - Providence*

RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL NEEDS EMERGENCY REGISTRY

KIDSNET has information about children with special healthcare needs such as a chronic condition or disabilities and who might need assistance in an emergency. Providers should encourage families to enroll in the Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry (RISNER). RISNER aims to identify Rhode Islanders, regardless of age, with any disability, chronic condition, or special healthcare need who might require assistance during an emergency.

The enrollee (or someone on their behalf) fills out a simple form and that information is shared with local first responders who need to plan for the municipality's ability to accommodate special needs at a local shelter. Enrolling in the registry also lets first responders know where an individual with special needs lives and specific needs the individuals has. State and local officials could access the information in RISNER during emergencies to assist with the identification and reaching of priority populations.

To enroll online, visit www.health.ri.gov/emergency/about/specialneedsregistry
The link to online RISNER enrollment is now available on the KIDSNET forms and resources page.

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DOCUMENTING VACCINE FOR CHILDREN (VFC) ELIGIBILITY

At each immunization encounter, providers need to document whether a child is eligible for VFC (Federal Vaccine Funding). To be eligible for VFC, a child must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Younger than age 19
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Enrolled in Medicaid or Rite Care
- Uninsured
- Underinsured (Underinsured is defined as the child has insurance, but the insurance does not cover preventive vaccines.) An underinsured child can only receive VFC-funded vaccines only at a Federally Qualifying Health Center. An underinsured child cannot receive VFC vaccine at a private practice.

A child who has health insurance and does not meet any of these criteria must be documented as Not Eligible for VFC. If you have questions about VFC eligibility, contact Sue Duggan-Ball at 222-1580 or sue.dugganball@health.ri.gov

IMMUNIZATION REPORT CARDS

The Immunization Program recently mailed vaccine-coverage-rate report cards to primary care practices. If you have not received a report card or have any questions, contact Sue Duggan-Ball at 222-1580.

FREE AUDIOLOGY TESTING AT THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AUDIOLOGY CENTER

Located at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf (RISD) at One Corliss Park in Providence, the Audiology Center provides comprehensive, no-cost audiological testing free to all Rhode Island children ages six months through age 18, when seen at the center or at the child's school hearing screenings. Other consultative services regarding hearing loss are provided to local school districts on a fee-for-service basis. Children age 6 months through high school are welcome to be screened at no charge.

RISD staff screen approximately 50,000 school children annually. Approximately 4% of these children are referred for further evaluation, and about 2% of these children are determined to have hearing loss that impacts communication and their learning progress. If parents want to schedule a hearing screening for a child, they should contact Ryan McNamara at 222-3525, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Other consultative services regarding supporting students with hearing loss in the educational setting are provided to local school districts on a fee-for-service basis. Results of diagnostic audiology testing can be seen on the KIDSNET hearing assessment page.

RHODE ISLAND AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS CONFERENCE

The Rhode Island American Academy of Pediatrics annual conference will be held on November 4, 2015, 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Imperial Room at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. Be sure to visit the KIDSNET table from 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. or from 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. for a live demonstration. Providers will also be able to view reports that can be run through the system, can get handouts about new coding, and learn how to get free technical assistance for coding from Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC). KIDSNET will also be available to answer any questions providers might have.

SCHOOL FLU CLINICS

School flu vaccination clinics are organized for students in kindergarten through grade 12. There is no out-of-pocket charge to be vaccinated. Insurance information will be collected from students who are insured; however, no one will be turned away for a lack of insurance.

Clinics for high school students are during the school day. Clinics for younger children are in the evening. Most evening clinics are open to family and community members. (Children must be at least three years old to be vaccinated.) For location, dates, and time of the clinics please visit www.health.ri.gov/fluclinics

Primary care providers can login in to KIDSNET and run an Immunizations Submitted to KIDSNET by Other Providers Report. This report is in the Practice Reports section of KIDSNET and will show you if your patients have been vaccinated at school-based clinics or by other providers.

