Towards a national child and adolescent health surveillance system

We invite you to join us in a workshop to discuss the current state and need of a national child and adolescent health surveillance system with international and national experts.

Do save the date! 8th February 2017 in Basel/Swiss TPH

Switzerland lacks an overall strategy to monitor and improve child and adolescent health (CAH). Relatively few information are available on the current health of children and adolescents in Switzerland. Further, in a life course epidemiology perspective, childhood and adolescence are key periods for the determination of long term health. There is therefore a need for public health surveillance of child and adolescent health.

The European Child and Adolescent health strategy 2015-2020 stresses the need of child and adolescent specific public health strategies and surveillance systems, as have been developed and established by neighbouring countries. Switzerland can learn from these examples. A solid health information system and a set of valid health indicators are central to ensure a sustainable and efficient monitoring with maximum relevance for politicians, public health experts, researchers, and healthcare providers in the overall aim of improving health of children and adolescents. A key element of a successful surveillance is its adaptation and flexibility with regard to local contexts, needs, and given structures.

In Switzerland, a large number of stakeholders are involved in childhood and adolescence public health. There are public health professionals and healthcare providers supporting children and their parents, NGO lobbying for children’s health and rights, and researchers aiming to know more about CAH. All are dedicated to improve health of children and adolescents. However, there is too few exchange and coordination amongst them.

The workshop provides the opportunity to discuss a national monitoring strategy for child and adolescent health among stakeholders in CAH in Switzerland and international experts. Output of the workshop should be a strengthened network of CAH stakeholders from various sectors and a set of relevant health indicators for CAH, thereby contributing to the building of a true CAH surveillance and information system for children and adolescents in Switzerland.

We are looking forward to your participation!

Further Information and an updated agenda will be sent out end of the year. The workshop will be limited to 50 participants. You can already register for the workshop using the registration form.

PD. Dr. med. Julia Dratva
Dr. med. Susanne Stronski
PD. Dr. med. Arnaud Chiolero
Preliminary Program:
“Towards a national child and adolescent health surveillance system”

Location: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel
Time: Wednesday, 8th February 2017
Language: German/French (ppt presentations will be translated)

12:15 Registration with Coffee & Sandwiches
12:45 Welcome (Julia Dratva, Suzanne Stronski and Arnaud Chiolero)

13:00 – 14.00 1. Key notes Session Moderator: Susanne Stronski

A glance across the border – European experiences
The European Child & Adolescent Health Strategy (S.Stronski.)
National Childrens’ Health survey KIGGS (Hannelore Neuheuser, RKI, Germany)
The Netherland Experience: using new technologies to collect child health data
(Paula van Dommelen, TNO Netherlands)

14:00 – 14:10 Discussion
14:10 – 14:40 2. Key notes session Moderator: Monika Diebold (OBSAN)

Health indicators - what do we have and what do we need?
Overview on existing child health indicators and current information systems in Switzerland
(Julia Dratva, ZHAW Department Gesundheit)

Current data on mental health and disease in children and adolescents in Switzerland
(Agnes von Wyl, ZHAW Angewandte Psychologie)

14:40 – 15:00 Coffee
15:00 – 16:00 Workshop Moderators for each group: S. Stronski, J.Dratva, A. Chiolero

Key health indicators in Switzerland from the stakeholders’ view
Aim: each group identifies a set of key indicators and possibly potential sources/information systems
Questions to be discussed and answered: Which key indicators do the stakeholders need?
How (or who) can one fill the gaps? 2-3 small groups in parallel, short presentation using the template.

16:00 – 16:45 3. Key notes Session Moderator: Christina Akre (IUMSP/CHUV)

Healthy Schools - health at schools
Population based health and life style data from school health services
(Annemarie Tschumper, Vereinigung der Schulärztinnen und Schulärzte der Schweiz)
Healthy schools –healthy environments (Daniel Frey, Swiss Public Health-Kinder und Jugend AG)
How to measure and monitor health resources and capabilities in youth?
(Constanze Pfeiffer, Swiss TPH)

16:45 – 17:30 Plenary session Moderator: Daniel Frey (Swiss Public Health)

Presentation of workshop results & discussion

17:30 END of program
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Location: Swiss Tropical- and Public Health Institute Socinstrasse 55, Basel

I would like to register for the workshop

Title ____________________________________________
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We are looking forward to seeing you in Basel!

Please send your registration by E-mail to courses-tph@unibas.ch