ECBT Efforts to Address Vaccine Hesitancy and Share Value of Vaccines with Federal and State Legislators
Every Child By Two’s Mission is to...

...Protect families and individuals from vaccine-preventable diseases by raising awareness of the critical need for timely immunizations for people of all ages; increasing the public’s understanding of the benefits of vaccines; increasing confidence in the safety of vaccines; ensuring that all families have access to life-saving vaccines; and advocating for policies that support timely vaccination.
Vaccinate Your Family Campaign

Our new campaign for the public, which replaced Vaccinate Your Baby, features:

- Information on vaccines for pregnant women, babies/children, preteens/teens, and adults
- Answers to most frequently asked questions from parents
- Stories of people affected by vaccine-preventable diseases
- Links to peer-reviewed studies on vaccines and vaccine safety
- Links to variety of credible websites and immunization resources created by ECBT and other credible organizations
Vaccination can protect every member of your family

Learn more about vaccines for all ages to protect yourself and your loved ones from infectious disease.

Pregnancy  Baby & Child  Preteens & Teens  Adults
State of the ImmUnion Program
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PREVENT CANCER? HERE’S THE ANSWER.
CANCER PREVENTION WITH THE HPV VACCINE.

HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) IS A COMMON, CANCER-CAUSING VIRUS SPREAD THROUGH INTIMATE SKIN-TO-SKIN CONTACT.

ABOUT 1 OUT OF 4 men and women in the U.S. are currently infected with HPV.

ABOUT 14 MILLION people are infected every year.

9 IN 10 people will get HPV in their lifetime.

EVERY YEAR IN THE U.S., HPV CAUSES:
OVER 300,000 precancerous lesions in women, the treatment of which can cause infertility and affect a woman’s ability to carry a baby to term.

OVER 26,000 cases of mouth, throat, cervical and other anogenital cancers in men and women.

The HPV vaccine is recommended for 11 TO 12 YEAR OLD BOYS AND GIRLS because it is TWO TO THREE TIMES MORE EFFECTIVE when administered at that age.

THERE ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, SAFE VACCINES TO PREVENT THIS DANGEROUS INFECTION.

If more adolescents received the HPV vaccine, we could prevent UP TO 99% OF HPV-RELATED CANCERS.

ONLY 0.0001% OF RECIPIENTS have reported side effects — most of which were “non-serious” symptoms like headaches, nausea and dizziness.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM CANCER.

Talk to your health care provider about the HPV vaccine for you and your loved ones. The Vaccines for Children Program and most private insurance plans cover the cost of HPV vaccination.

VACCINATE YOUR FAMILY
A PROGRAM OF EVERY CHILD BY TWO

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: VACCINATEYOURFAMILY.ORG
State of the ImmUnion Report


• Synopsis of key challenges to maintaining and increasing vaccination rates
• Solutions for policymakers
• Additional policy/safety resources
• State Iz. Data
State of the ImmUnion Report

- Sent to members of congress/media on the eve of the Trump address to congress in February
- Overview of Success of Vaccines/Cost Savings
- Visual of Map highlighting outbreaks
- Sections on progress in childhood, adolescent, adult, maternal vax
- Challenges, links to CDC and AAP maps with vaccine rates
- Vaccine Safety Talking Points, Resources (including AIM website)
- Asks – support vax funding base, support vax services when modifying Affordable Care Act, general support for vaccines and their safety
State of the ImmUnion Report - Promotion

Please visit our website to read full report and download the social media graphics toolkit: http://www.vaccinateyourfamily.org/baby-and-child/protect/state-of-the-immunion
ECBT Letter to Congress Requesting Questions on Vaccine Position during HHS Secretary Price’s Nomination Hearings

Letter signed by 90+ orgs. Three members of congress asked vax questions during hearing; several more requested written responses.
Congressional Update: ECBT Sign on Letter – 4,500 signatures on letter to congress regarding vaccine $$

Every Child By Two News
Keeping you informed about vaccine-related news.

Call To Action:

We seek 5,000 more signatures to reach 5,000!

Every Child By Two asks you to join in urging Congress to protect crucial funding for immunization programs. Politics aside, if and when the Affordable Care Act is repealed, nearly $600 million in funds that currently support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and sub-contract state immunization activities will be eliminated.

To ensure that Congress understands the effect of this funding on immunization programs, we ask you to click the link to add your name to Every Child By Two’s Vaccines Funding Support Statement.

In essence, Congressional funding for immunizations supports a vast web of activities, technology and personnel to keep vaccine preventable diseases at bay.

It supports essential activities such as:
- community outreach
- disease surveillance
- outbreak control
- provider and public education
- immunization registries
- immunization services delivery
- testing and implementation of the Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program (which provides vaccines to those who qualify under a separate funding stream)

Background:

Historically, federal vaccine funding was allocated by Congress via what was called the “Section 317 Fee Item,” which is now being referred to as the “Immunization Trust Item.” These vaccine funds are appropriated to the CDC and used to support CDC activities and immunization programs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, five major cities and eight territories.

However, since 2010, the vaccine funding that was allocated under Section 317 has slowly been supplanted by the Affordable Care Act’s Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF).

While the PPHF had initially supported various programs, above and beyond those that had previously been supported with 317 vaccine funding, issues, more than half of immunization programmatic funding comes from PPHF. As displayed in the chart at below, PPHF now accounts for $601 million of the federal funds devoted to immunizations, including over $402 million supporting core immunization activities.

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As we prepare for the imminent repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), we must ensure legislators take appropriate action to provide a continued and sustained investment into immunization programs.

Political concerns aside, the focus here is not whether ACA should or should not be repealed. The focus is on preserving the funding for immunization programs.

While Congress debates the replacement package for ACA, it would be very easy for vaccines to get overlooked amidst many different healthcare priorities. However, if ACA is repealed without an intentional replacement of Prevention Funds back to the Section 317 Immunization program line, the results could be catastrophic to the nation’s immunization programs.

Health programs would be impacted by:
- a minimum 45% cut in program dollars,
- massive public health layoffs,
- a massive reduction in state efforts to respond to food borne outbreaks,
- a massive interruption to efforts to prevent emerging infectious diseases like Ebola and Zika,
- a diminished ability to provide an adequate health response to natural and handmade disasters,
- the elimination of targeted health programs such as those that seek to eliminate Hepatitis b among infants, combat cancer causing human papillomavirus (HPV), and support adult vaccine initiatives.

Claire Hannan, Executive Director of the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) states that

“Prevention and Public Health Funds are used as the cornerstone of public health emergency response activities. Without reallocation of those monies, immunization programs throughout the nation will not have the capacity to plan for and respond to emerging virus and disease threats.”

Take Action:

If we want to ensure that the CDC, state and local health departments receive the funding they need to keep our communities safe from deadly but preventable diseases, then take action now. This is not a debate about the merits of repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA), but rather a request that Congress not forget vaccines during the current and future fiscal year funding deliberations.

Keeping our communities healthy is everyone’s responsibility.

Click here to sign the Vaccine Funding Support Statement requesting that Congress preserve immunization funding as they work to negotiate the repeal and replacement of the ACA.
Dear Colleagues,

We write to you today to highlight the importance of immunizations, which protect Americans, especially infants and children, against outbreaks of serious and deadly infectious diseases.

Vaccines save lives.

The introduction of vaccines was a turning point in our country’s public health history. Vaccines led to the elimination of certain diseases, including polio and measles, from the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), before introduction of the polio vaccine in the United States, polio caused more than 16,000 cases of paralysis and nearly 2,000 deaths each year, on average.1 Similarly, before the introduction of the measles vaccine in 1969, almost all children get measles by the age of 15, with up to 4 million Americans infected each year, according to the CDC. Measles is a highly contagious, airborne virus that can cause serious respiratory illness and life-threatening complications in children, such as pneumonia, ear infections, and even lifelong brain damage or death.2 In 2000, as a result of a vaccine, the CDC declared measles to be eliminated in the United States.3 The pertussis vaccine is yet another example. Pertussis, also known as “whooping cough,” is a bacterial infection that can be life-threatening in infants and young children, especially in children under one year, causing half of them to be hospitalized.4 The pertussis vaccine provides protection against the illness even among newborns who receive protective antibodies when their mother is vaccinated.5

Yet, already this year, states and communities around the country have reported outbreaks of measles, mumps, and whooping cough. The reasons for each outbreak vary, but we know that there are increasing trends around the country that have led to lower vaccination rates in some communities, allowing outbreaks of infectious diseases to take hold with increasing frequency.6 In 2014, for example, the United States had 667 measles cases in 27 states—a record high since the CDC declared the disease eliminated from the U.S. in 2000. These outbreaks have affected too many children and families, and they have presented unique and unique challenges to doctors and health care providers—many of whom have only read about such illnesses in textbooks—as well as to the public health officials who seek to control outbreaks in each of our states.

The reemergence of vaccine-preventable diseases in the United States presents a public health threat, especially for those who rely on “herd immunity,” which means protection from disease through the vaccination of those around you. Herd immunity protects vulnerable individuals who cannot be vaccinated, including children who may be too young to receive a vaccination or those who have medical conditions. Herd immunity lesures the opportunity for an outbreak because it ensures a large portion of a community is immunized against a contagious disease.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) plays a critical role in rigorously reviewing vaccines and ensuring they are safe and effective, based on extensive testing. After FDA approval of vaccines, the CDC, based on expert advice from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, may provide recommendations for immunization schedules designed to protect individuals in the United States, including infants and children, and those most vulnerable to life-threatening diseases. These schedules are safe and approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.6 All 50 states have laws regarding immunization requirements for all age children, with varying exemptions for medical, religious, or personal belief.7

Vaccines are our first line of defense against infectious diseases, many of which have no treatment or can be life-threatening. As medical research continues to advance and scientists discover new medical breakthroughs and cutting-edge ways to treat disease and save lives, it is critical to recognize the importance of protecting public health against vaccine-preventable diseases. The science is clear—FDA-approved vaccines are proven to be safe and effective, and save the lives of both those who receive them and vulnerable individuals around them. As Members of Congress, we have a critical role to play in supporting the availability and use of vaccines to protect Americans from deadly diseases.

We hope that you will consider the sound scientific information available, the public health challenges of disease outbreaks, and the successful examples of infection disease prevention. Simply put, vaccines save lives. For additional information about vaccines, please have your staff contact members of our staff or refer to these evidence-based sources of information: CDC, https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/html, or U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

Peace of mind.

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Break for Questions on Federal Issues

• Oversight & Government Reform Committee investigation of the CDC Whistleblower allegations:
  • Background materials available on the www.ECBT.org website
    • http://www.ecbt.org/images/articles/Whistleblower_QA012017_updated3-6-17.pdf
    • http://www.ecbt.org/images/articles/Vaccine_Safety_and_African_American_Children.pdf

• March for Science
• ECBT participating in March for Science webinar to discuss federal activities in support of vaccines and advocacy efforts
Social Media Channels

Facebook
- Over 200,000 followers
- Over 11 Million Reached Annually with Social Media Messages

Blog
- Over 69,000 unique monthly visitors
Please Help Us Keep You Informed:

• Sign up for:

• ECBT Daily News Clips/Monthly Top 5/Week in Review – email us at info@ecbt.org

• Become a subscriber to ECBT’s Shot of Prevention Blog to receive an email when weekly blog is posted – www.shotofprevention.com

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