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[Researchers Track Antibiotic-Resistant Strains of Salmonella From Farm to Fork- Penn State University News](#)

[Stick Insects May Hold Key To Antibiotic Resistance- Medical Daily](#)

Fun Facts (via CDC.gov)

\$1.1 billion is spent annually on unnecessary adult upper respiratory infection antibiotic prescriptions.

Every time a person takes antibiotics, sensitive bacteria are killed, but resistant germs may be left to grow and multiply. Repeated and improper uses of antibiotics are primary causes of the increase in drug-resistant bacteria.

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Best Practices Group

The Get Smart program is committed to offering recommendations based on best science on antibiotic resistance in the child care setting. The Best Practices Group includes childcare and child health experts committed to providing advice to child care providers, directors, or parents about sick child exclusion policies. Sick child exclusion policies are used within child care centers to determine if a child should be excluded from care due to illness. Because recommendations for the development of sick-child exclusion policies have change in recent years, the Best Practices Group can help child care directors and providers construct the best policies for their center.

If your childcare center has questions regarding sick-child exclusion policies or antibiotic resistance in general, the Best Practices Group can respond to your questions and concerns. They can provide expert opinions on your particular situation using current science to support their suggestions. Final decisions rest on the directors and staff involved. The group can be contacted at knowwhentosayno@pa.gov. In all inquiries please include a telephone number, childcare center name, and location.

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Early Childhood Education Summit and APHA Meeting



On October 23, 2013 the PA Dept. of Health Get Smart Program presented a workshop to early childhood educators at the 2013 Early Childhood Education Summit in State College, PA. The workshop learning objectives were to discuss the growing public health threat of antimicrobial resistance and how to promote judicious use of antibiotics in a childcare setting to reduce the threat. The workshop introduced the participants to three Get Smart activities; the website, the drawing competition, and Glo-Germ presentations. The workshop was well received and participants expressed interest in joining the Get Smart Movement! Thank you to all who attended.

The PA Department of Health Get Smart Program also presented a special session at the 2013 American Public Health Association Meeting in Boston along with the CDC Get Smart campaign and other state partnerships. The session discussed Get Smart Program activities. Lessons learned from Pennsylvania, Oregon, California, and Michigan were presented. Participants were fully engaged in the session and continued discussion with presenters for 20 minutes after the formal session.

Get Smart Week

Get Smart About Antibiotics Week is November 18-24, 2013. This week observes the importance of appropriate antibiotic use and promotes the awareness. The week is a coordinated effort among the CDC's national campaign, state partners (such as the PA Department of Health), non-profit partners, and for-profit partners. The November 18-24th dates coincide with international antibiotic resistance awareness efforts including European Antibiotic Awareness Day, Australia's Antibiotic Awareness Week, and Canada's Antibiotic Awareness Week. It also coincides with the conclusion of the PA Dept. of Health Kids' Hangout Drawing Competition. Entries will continued to be accepted until Get Smart Week. Please visit www.KnowWhenToSayNo.org for more details.

During Get Smart Week, events across the country will disseminate information to increase media interest in antibiotic resistance. Below are some resources your organization can use to get involved in Get Smart Week:

*The PA Dept. of Health Get Smart Program can provide free materials directly from the CDC, including brochures, posters, and fact sheets, for distribution at an event or among clients. These materials can be requested by e-mailing nmueller@pa.gov with the subject "Get Smart Materials". Please include how and when you will use the materials, who your audience is, and a shipping address.

*The CDC provides excellent ideas for Get Smart Week events on their website, www.CDC.gov/GetSmart.

*The CDC will be holding a Get Smart Twitter Chat on Friday, November 22; 1:00- 2:00 p.m. EST. Follow @CDCgov and tweet using #SAVABX to participate in the chat.

*The PA Dept. of Health Get Smart Program will have a special "Get Smart Week" flyer available on the website, www.KnowWhenToSayNo.org. This flyer will have facts about antibiotics and information about participating in the Get Smart Movement.

Have ideas for the newsletter? Want to learn more about antibiotic resistance? Would you like to unsubscribe from the newsletter? E-mail nmueller@pa.gov with all inquiries and comments.