

Winter 2012

Niagara County

Cancer Services Program

Your partner for cancer screening, support and information



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A message from the Program Coordinator.....

Claudia Kurtzworth

I trust all of you had a great holiday season and are embracing the New Year with gusto! 2012.....where has the time gone?

I have just completed the 2012-2013 workplan and budget for our Cancer Services Program and anxiously await its approval so we can move on with the purpose of our program-providing free breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening for women 40-64 and men 50-64 with no health insurance. With that being said, as I look back at 2011 the on numbers of calls we have received from those desperately looking for health insurance has increased dramatically. Many of these calls come from individuals who are working and their employer does not offer health insurance or perhaps does at a very high cost. Either way it truly is a crisis situation for many of our Niagara County residents and we are happy to be able to at least offer them cancer screenings, referral to a local clinic or referral to a facilitated enroller. We can only hope that in this New Year we will see some positive steps for all those are without health care coverage.

As we begin to wind down our 4th grant year we are in a very interesting situation. We are looking at our monthly budget assessment tool and noting that this year will be cutting it very close with our clinical funding. This is due to the increase in colonoscopies that we have seen throughout the grant year. Using the FIT Kit as opposed to the FOBT has proven to bring back more positive results as the FIT is more sensitive than the FOBT. And the FIT is much easier to use than the FOBT therefore the compliance rate is higher.

Please remember that March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and we want to encourage everyone to be aware of the need for screening and their risks for the cancer. Each and every one of us has an opportunity to get that message out. Whether you work in a health care setting or community agency brochures and information regarding colorectal cancer is available through our CSP offices. Also if you have an event you would like to to be part of give us a call. And as always we want to promote the good work you and your agency does as well.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our annual breakfast this year. We will be changing location and format so we can concentrate on our wonderful and dedicated Niagara County partners. More information is in our outreach section so please, Save the Date!



*January is
Cervical Cancer Awareness Month*



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Outreach

October 2011 was a very busy month. We held our “Kiss Breast Cancer Goodbye” Campaign throughout Niagara County. Displays to educate the community about breast cancer screening and also to raise money for our supplemental fund were set up. We raised approximately \$500.00 with the help of **AVON representative Tammy Prosser**. Tammy attended each of our events and helped us raise the money by selling “Kiss Packets” and “Kiss Breast Cancer Goodbye Pledge Cards”. She was an excellent addition to the CSP of Niagara Team!!

Along with thanks to Tammy, we also would like to thank the following hospitals for allowing us to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

- DeGraff Memorial Hospital
- Eastern Niagara Hospital - Lockport and Newfane
- Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital and Summit Healthplex
- Mt. St. Mary's Hospital

Breast Cancer Screening Day at DeGraff Memorial Hospital. On October 15, 2011 we held a mammogram screening event at DeGraff Memorial Hospital in North Tonawanda. 14 women attended this event and received their clinical breast examination and mammogram. Many thanks to **DeGraff OB/GYN, and DeGraff Radiology Staff** for coming out on a Saturday morning.

Donations from the Community

Niagara Falls Councilman Robert Anderson, Judy LeVassuer, from Orleans/Niagara BOCES, and Budwey's Supermarket all made financial donations to the program. The monies donated will be used to help uninsured women under the age of 40 obtain breast cancer screening in the event they have an abnormal finding. The generosity of these individuals is so very much appreciated by the clients and staff of the Cancer Services Program of Niagara County.



Tammy Prosser - AVON Representative



CSP DATA Update.....How we are doing?

Service count for April - December 2011 compared to 2010

Screening Services	2011	2010
Clinical Breast Exam	214	204
Screen Mammogram	248 (+ 21%)	204
Pap/Pelvic Exam	153	143
Diagnostic Services		
Diagnostic Breast Ultrasound	31	41
Breast Biopsy	5 (1 positive)	11 (0 positive)
Cervical Biopsy/Colposcopy	3	6
Colorectal Cancer Screening		
Kits returned	93 (+190%) (12 positive)	32 (0 positive)
Colonoscopies	26 (0 positive) Pre-cancerous polyps: 6	11 (1 positive) Pre cancerous polyps: 2

Service Count for April - December 2011 Compared to 2010

Total Number Screened

2011	2010
324 (+16%)	278

60% of clients screened are age 50 or older.

CSP Goal is 75%

New providers.....

The following providers have joined Cancer Services Program of Niagara County to provide clinical services for our clients.

Seton Imaging With two locations, one in Amherst, and one in North Tonawanda, they are a great addition to the Tonawanda's area of our community. They will be providing mammograms and ultrasounds for our clients.

Mt. St. Mary's Hospital OB/GYN Services. Their office is located on the 2nd Floor of Mt. St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston. They will be providing gynecological services to our clients.

Dr. Mohamed Khalaf of Lockport, will be providing gynecological services to our clients in the Eastern Niagara County area.

Thank you for joining our network of providers. We look forward to working with you!!

Check out our website

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2012 Quarterly Meeting and Awards Breakfast

***SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 15, 2012***

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center
Auditorium A
621-10th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14302

Invitations will be mailed in February

We hope you will join us!!

Feedback from our clients.....

“The program has taken a lot of worry from my life. I was able to receive regular breast exams at no cost and I thank God for that. My mother’s family has a breast cancer history and I was so fearful that if I developed breast cancer that it would go undetected because I had no insurance. I was online one day looking for a program that offered exams at no cost when I came across your program. I called and was sent some forms, made an appointment and had my exam. Thank you all for the efforts to give women hope and peace of mind, God Bless!”...LS

“I can’t thank you enough for your services. The staff was friendly, helpful and very courteous! Awesome program that I never knew existed if it wasn’t for Windsong Radiology’s recommendation.” CB- Albion, NY

“The company I worked for closed down and I was unemployed and without any medical insurance. I was very sick and my doctor’s receptionist referred me to N.C Cancer Services Program. Without delay an appointment was made for me to have a colon screening done by a physician at a local hospital. The doctor removed several polyps which were determined to be benign. I am very grateful for the help Niagara County Cancer Services provided to me. Although I was extremely lucky this time, the doctor said that those polyps most likely would have become cancerous in the future. Thank you so much.” Roy - Ransomville, NY