

December 2008 E-Update A periodic publication on the progress of the Salt Lake County Children's Study.

LISTING IS COMPLETE!!

Our team of 6 Listers braved the summer sun and heat in August to create accurate address lists of over 7,000 households in Salt Lake County. These lists will be used for mailing advance letters to all households in study segments informing that study staff will be coming to their doors. So how was listing done? Beginning at the NW corner of each segment, and always turning right, staff walked through each study segment in a proscribed manner to ensure that each street was canvassed and all addresses or household descriptions were recorded on listing sheets and segment maps. Staff wore UU/NCS photo identification and carried a Community Authority Letter, which was signed by the mayor of whichever city they were working in. We really appreciate the support we received from every community and feel sure the positive experience we had will continue into the next phases of the study.

THE SALT LAKE COUNTY CHILDREN'S STUDY NEEDS YOU!

If you would like to talk to friends and neighbors about the children's study, please consider joining our speakers bureau. We will provide you with talking points and handouts. If you would like to arrange for one of our team members to come and speak to a community group you're involved with, we'd love to know who they are and where they are located. Please contact Pam Silberman at 801-213-3295 or pamela.silberman@hsc.utah.edu to discuss outreach opportunities.

CHILDREN'S STUDY CHAMPION!

Each issue of the e-update will feature a community stakeholder or NCS team member who is helping make the Salt Lake County Children's Study a success in Salt Lake County. This month meet NCS Research Assistant Kristi Flick.

Kristi grew up in Fargo, ND, the youngest of 7. Kristi graduated from North Dakota State University and began working at the White Earth Reservation in northern Minnesota with the diabetes prevention and intervention team. There Kristi realized the value of community-based disease prevention and came to Utah to get her Masters in Public Health. Last summer, Kristi joined our incredible Lister team and will continue with the study as a Research Assistant. Kristi says "I enjoy coming to my job everyday. It's been really interesting to see the research process and all the different components that need to be implemented for the success of the NCS in Salt Lake County."



WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE SALT LAKE COUNTY CHILDREN'S STUDY?

We are busy preparing to begin enumeration in April 2009. Enumeration is really our first contact with potential study participants. Field staff will be knocking on doors in all 15 study neighborhoods throughout Salt Lake County, talking to residents about the National Children's Study and finding out if anyone in the household is eligible to participate.

Of course, before we can knock on any doors, we want to let folks know we're coming. From January through April, we are meeting with PTAs, church leaders, community councils, community organizations and anyone else in the study neighborhoods who can help us raise awareness of what the NCS is and how important it is for children's health.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit our job opportunities website for a list of current openings with the Study.
<http://www.ped.med.utah.edu/ncs/ncsrecruit.htm>

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