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Minority Health Month Kickoff 2017

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department's Office of Minority Health is pleased to announce the annual Minority Health kickoff on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Scott High School. The following will be available: wellness checks, health/fitness tips, food demonstrations, and a community wide baby shower at 12:00 P.M. **This event is free and open to the public.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that "despite notable progress in overall health of the Nation, there are continuing disparities in the burden of illness and death experienced by blacks or African-Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asians, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders, compared to the U.S. population as a whole."

The Minority Health Month kick-off event at Scott High School will feature a Youth Bullying Forum sponsored collaboratively with Buckeye Health Plan, City of Toledo Youth Commission, and Toledo Public Schools. The forum will start at 9:00 A.M and conclude at 12:00 P.M. Mayor Paula Hicks -Hudson will provide opening remarks and Robert Easter Jr., IBF World Lightweight Boxer, will supply tips on how to handle bullying.

The Toledo Office of Minority Health will be hosting several events during the month. To see a full listing, please visit http://www.lucascountyhealth.com/community-outreach/minority-health/

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Toledo-Lucas County Commission on Minority Health at 419-213-4095.

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