

MEDIA ALERT

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Baltimore Connect 2 Wellness Community Fair Presents Valuable Resources to City Residents

What: **Connect 2 Wellness Community Fair** – A community event featuring Baltimore's best health, education, financial and employment resources. Participants will have the opportunity to receive free health screenings, enroll in health insurance and assistance programs, learn more about employment and education opportunities and be able to participate in a raffle.

The event is free and is open to the public and media.

When: Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 10am – 5pm

Where: Coppin State University, Physical Education Complex, 2523 Gwynns Falls Parkway 21216

Who: The event is free and open to anyone who would like to access health, education, financial and employment resources in Baltimore. The event is being hosted by Men's Health Network in partnership with The Baltimore Times, the Baltimore Community Health Action Team, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families, Maryland Minority and Health Disparities, Morgan State University, Office of Minority Health, Pfizer Helpful Answers and Total Health Care.

Why: Baltimore residents currently face a 10.9% unemployment rate, while the national unemployment rate is 9.2%. Over 730,000 Maryland residents were uninsured in 2009. Based on the 2007 National Health Information Survey data, among adults aged 19 to 64, 48 percent of those who are uninsured in the United States had no usual source of medical care. Recognizing that employment status and education play an important role in a person's overall wellbeing, this event will offer participants an opportunity to improve their health and happiness.

More: Men's Health Network is a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of men and boys through education and the promotion of sound health practices. Men's Health Network encourages and facilitates preventive screenings and early detection as a way to prevent premature death and improve quality of life. Men's Health Network has come to be known as the leading authority on men's health issues, with a presence in every U.S. state and in countries around the world. For more information visit www.menshealthnetwork.org and follow MHN on Twitter: [@MensHlthNetwork](https://twitter.com/MensHlthNetwork)

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