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This funding update is from **Stop TB USA** Partner, the American Thoracic Society:

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## **CDC TB FUNDING: FY 2011**

Last night, the Senate abandoned efforts to pass the FY2011 omnibus appropriations bill that Sen. Inouye (D-HI), chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee had drafted. Earlier this week it appeared that Sen. Inouye had the necessary 60 votes to pass the measure, including a number of Republican votes, but this all fell apart last night after Republicans decided to drop support for the bill overall because it includes earmarks. Congress will now defer final FY2011 spending until the new Congress by passing a short-term continuing resolution funding government programs until mid-February.

This is mixed news for TB advocates. Yesterday, while the omnibus was still pending, we learned that the bill would have cut DTBE funding by \$1.475 million from FY2010 (the cut imposed by the House Labor-HHS subcommittee in their bill). So, now that the omnibus is dropped, the 2010 funding level for TB will continue. However, the incoming House Republican leadership has pledged to cut funding, beginning with the 2011 bills. So, we could be looking at a cut back to the FY2008 level (\$140.3M), although technically, fiscal year 2011 has already started.

This situation underscores the need for advocacy in January and throughout the year. We would urge everyone to reach out to their State Advisory committees now to urge them to reach out to all members of Congress, especially new House members, to educate them on TB.

With that mixed news, we hope everyone has a very happy holiday season.

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## **STATE OF HAWAII SEEKING TB CLINICIAN**

The State of Hawaii Department of Health is seeking a Tuberculosis (TB) Physician for **Honolulu**, Oahu. Salary: \$7,000 to \$9,008/mo (incl shortage differential). Works in conjunction with other staff TB physicians & reports to the TB Control Program Manager. Renders medical & consultation services in the diagnosis & treatment of active TB disease & latent TB infection & diagnosis of abnormalities seen in clinic & survey x-rays; consults with private physicians & patients regarding results of chest exams; assists private physicians in management of TB & suspected TB under his/her care; interprets survey chest x-rays; and performs other duties as required. License to practice medicine or osteopathy in Hawaii; and 2 yrs. physician experience in the diagnosis & treatment of TB or other pulmonary diseases. Appropriate substitutions allowed. Apply via the Dept. of Human Resources Development online application system at: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/hawaii> . Recruitment #210072, continuous until needs are met. For program information, call 808-832-5737. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## **THE UNION NORTH AMERICAN MEETING: FEBRUARY 24-26, 2011.**

**YOU ARE INVITED!** Register now for the February 24-26, 2011 annual meeting of the North American Region of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. This meeting will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The theme for this year's conference is "Engaging Vulnerable Populations" The program will feature topnotch speakers in plenary sessions devoted to such topics as tuberculosis and indigenous populations, tuberculosis and diabetes, and novel diagnostic tools. The Program brochure and preliminary program information are at: [http://www.bc.lung.ca/association\\_and\\_services/documents/PreliminaryProgram2011ConferenceofTheUnion-NorthAmericaRegion\\_000.pdf](http://www.bc.lung.ca/association_and_services/documents/PreliminaryProgram2011ConferenceofTheUnion-NorthAmericaRegion_000.pdf)

This IUATLD conference will be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel. Direct telephone: 604.893.7120. Toll-Free:1.800.663.9255. To reserve a room at the conference rate, please reference "BC Lung Association/IUATLD-North American Region Meeting." For additional information and registration check this website: [http://www.bc.lung.ca/association\\_and\\_services/union.html](http://www.bc.lung.ca/association_and_services/union.html)

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## **REGIONAL TB TRAINING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION CENTERS**

The CDC funded Regional TB Training and Medical Consultation Centers (RTMCCs) provide free TB-related medical consultation, develop TB educational materials, and also provide training and technical assistance for TB program staff. The Centers are regionally assigned to cover all 50 states and U.S. territories. **(Regional Tuberculosis Training and Medical Consultation Centers are obligated to prioritize participants from within their respective regions for training courses - but they may accept applicants from all areas when there is available space.)** Updated information about upcoming TB training courses and available TB-related materials is available on each Center's website. **Listed below are some of the upcoming training courses and new products.**

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**Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center in San Francisco, California.** Phone: 415-502-4220. Website: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/> Medical consultation: 1-877-390-6682. (This Center serves the Western Region which consists of fifteen jurisdictions: Alaska, California (including Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco), Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the U.S. Pacific Island Territories. The Center welcomes inquiries from Western Region partners regarding training, educational products, technical assistance, and medical consultation.)

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**National Web-based Seminar: [Alcohol, Cigarettes, and Tuberculosis.](#)** January 12, 2011. **(1.25 hours + 15-minute Q & A).** Ninety-minute web-based seminar for clinicians and others who provide services to TB patients or persons at risk for TB with significant alcohol and/or tobacco use. Course format: Includes case-based discussion, didactic lecture, and a question and answer session. More Information at: <http://nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/training/nationalwebseminar.cfm>

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**Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive** (3-day course); February 15-17, 2011 San Francisco, CA. Cost: There is no fee for this course. This conference is approved for 19.50 continuing education hours. The course is intended for physicians and other licensed medical professionals who diagnose and treat tuberculosis. The course covers: epidemiology of tuberculosis (TB), diagnosis, management, and treatment of TB, transmission and pathogenesis, TB and HIV coinfection, TB targeted testing and laboratory testing, pediatric TB, treatment of latent TB infection, multiple drug resistance, legal and ethical issues in TB control, and TB radiology. The course format includes lecture, discussion, and case

presentations. Individuals must participate in all three days of the course. (No prorated units available). Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. To apply, complete, and send the [application form](#) or apply [online](#) by Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

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**TB Case Management and Contact Investigation Intensive** (4-day course). March 15-18, 2011. Francis J. Curry National TB Center, San Francisco, California. There is no fee for this course. This course is approved for 19.5 continuing education hours. This course is intended for physicians, nurses, and other licensed medical care providers who manage patients with tuberculosis or who are at risk for tuberculosis. Topics covered include: Epidemiology of TB, Fundamentals of TB case management, Completion of care, TB contact investigation, Role of the laboratory, Medical management of TB, Quality assurance in TB control programs, Targeted testing for TB, Treatment of latent TB infection (LTBI), Culture, community, and TB care, Working with special populations, and Interviewing skills. The course format includes lecture, discussion, and case presentations. Enrollment is limited, and pre-registration is required. The application deadline is January 17, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Kanouse, Program Manager, by phone at (415)502-2712. [Online Application Form](#) [Fax Application Form](#).

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**LTBI Workshop**. April 27. Sacramento, California. A one-day seminar devoted to the diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of patients with latent tuberculosis infection. This course is designed for physicians, nurses, outreach workers, and others who work with this population. More information will be available soon at: [www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu](http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu)

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**California TB Controllers Annual Educational Conference**. April 28-29. Sacramento, California. This year's conference will focus on health care reform and its impact on public health. More information at this website: <http://ctca.org/conferences/index.html>

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**Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive**. May 4-5, 2011 Seattle, WA. WA. Two-day intensive course for physicians and other licensed medical professionals who diagnose and treat tuberculosis. Look for additional information at: [http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/schedule\\_2011.cfm](http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/schedule_2011.cfm)

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**Nurse Case Management Workshop**. May 6, 2011 Seattle WA. This is a one-day update for nurses, communicable disease investigators, and other licensed medical care providers who work with tuberculosis patients. Look for additional information to be provided at: [http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/schedule\\_2011.cfm](http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/schedule_2011.cfm)

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**AVAILABLE - NEW TB EDUCATIONAL PRODUCT: *Asking the Right Questions: A Visual Guide to Tuberculosis Case Management for Nurses***. This is an educational toolkit useable for self-paced learning or for a combination of facilitated classroom and self-paced learning. The Target Audience: Nurses in the public and private health sectors; Outreach workers; Healthcare workers in facilities where cases are found; and Community-based providers who may identify TB suspects or help to treat patients with TB. Learners can use the *Asking the Right Questions* educational toolkit for their own self-paced study or to train others to: prompt critical thinking about TB case management; find relevant basic national training materials; and to get an overview of the full TB case management timeline. For additional information: [http://nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/products/product\\_details.cfm?productID=ONL-14](http://nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/products/product_details.cfm?productID=ONL-14)

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**The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center in Gainesville, Florida**: Phone: 1-888-265-7682 Website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/> Medical Consultation: 1-800-4TB-INFO (1-800-482-4636). (This Center serves the Southeastern Region which consists of: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin islands.)

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**Molecular Detection of Drug Resistance in Mycobacterium Tuberculosis**. 1/19/2011 - 1/19/2011. Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Eastern. Location: A.G. Holley State Hospital. Instructor/speaker: Beverly Metchock, Dr.P.H. Cost: No Charge.

Format: Grand rounds. Dr. Metchock will review the technologies currently being used for molecular detection of drug resistance in Mycobacterium tuberculosis and will compare these new methods with phenotypic (conventional) testing. She also will highlight the advantages and limitations of each technique. CDC's experience with DNA sequencing also will be discussed.

Register at:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailsntc/38db3aed920cf82ab059bfccbd02be6a>

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**On-Location & Webinar. Morbidity and Mortality Review.** 1/19/2011 - 1/19/2011. Time: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM EST

Location: A.G. Holley State Hospital. Facilitated by David Ashkin, MD. Cost: No Charge. These training events provide unique opportunities to learn about drug resistance, TB/HIV co-infection, substance abuse, adverse drug effects and in-patient treatment options using a case-based format. The M&M Review is a traditional educational forum for healthcare professionals practicing in hospital settings. These reviews are required for hospital accreditation, but present unique opportunities to review the care and management of hospitalized patients. These conferences focus on the most complex and challenging cases of patients with tuberculosis who receive their care at A.G. Holley State Hospital. With web-based technology, healthcare professionals working in community public health settings or academic health centers can take advantage of this educational opportunity from anywhere!

Register at:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailsntc/3cec07e9ba5f5bb252d13f5f431e4bbb>

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**Arresting TB: Best Practices for Controlling TB in Corrections.** 1/27/2011 - 1/27/2011. Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Eastern. Location: Forsyth, Georgia. Instructor/speaker: Ellen Murray, BSN and Brenda Lane, RN, CCHP. Cost: No Charge. Format: On Location. This course highlights best practices for recognizing and controlling tuberculosis (TB) in correctional settings and is designed to enhance communication and collaboration between the local health department and correctional facility staff. Presented in an interactive case-based lecture format, attendees join in group discussion and actively participate in exercises designed to foster skills for managing TB in correctional settings.

Register at:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailsntc/e4a6222cdb5b34375400904f03d8e6a5>

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**Comprehensive Clinical TB Course.** 3/7/2011 - 3/10/2011. Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern. Location: A.G. Holley

State Hospital. Instructor/speaker: SNTC and Affiliate Faculty. Cost: \$300.00. Format: On Location. This four-day training program will familiarize the clinician with all aspects of tuberculosis infection, disease and clinical care using an interdisciplinary and interactive approach. Course objectives are accomplished through a combination of didactic lectures and interactive case management discussions. The course is conducted at A.G. Holley State Hospital, one of the last free-standing TB sanatoriums in the U.S.

Register at:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailsntc/289dff07669d7a23de0ef88d2f7129e7>

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**TST Train-the-Trainer Course.** 3/11/2011 - 3/11/2011. Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern. Location: A.G. Holley State

Hospital. Instructor/speaker: Karen Farrell, RN, BSN, RM and Denise Dodge, RN. Cost: \$50.00. Format: On Location. This one-day skill-building course provides the knowledge needed to plan, teach, and evaluate a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) course. The course content included skills for planning and conducting a TST training including adult learning principles and teaching strategies. The curriculum is provided through lecture and participatory activities, including practicum in TST administration and reading and instructional skills demonstration. Each participant must demonstrate proficiency in delivering course content plus administering and reading the TST. Participants will receive feedback from experienced trainers as they practice their skills.

Register at:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailsntc/6c9882bbac1c7093bd25041881277658>

**Comprehensive Clinical TB Course.** 6/6/2011 - 6/9/2011. Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern. Location: A.G. Holley State Hospital. Instructor/speaker: SNTC and Affiliate Faculty. Cost: \$300.00. Format: On Location. This four-day training program will familiarize clinicians with all aspects of tuberculosis infection, disease and clinical care using an interdisciplinary and interactive approach. Objectives are accomplished through a combination of didactic lectures and interactive case management discussions. The course is conducted at A.G. Holley State Hospital, one of the last free-standing TB sanatoriums in the U.S.

Register at:

<https://www.ahce-registration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailsntc/01161aaa0b6d1345dd8fe4e481144d84>

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**TST Train-the-Trainer.** 6/10/2011 - 6/10/2011. Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern Time. Location: A.G. Holley State Hospital. Instructor/speaker: Karen Farrell, RN, BSN, RM and Denise Dodge, RN. Cost: \$50.00. This one-day skill-building course provides the knowledge needed to plan, teach, and evaluate a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) course. The course content includes skills for planning and conducting a TST training including adult learning principles and teaching strategies. The curriculum is provided through lecture and participatory activities, including practicum in TST administration and reading and instructional skills demonstration. Each participant must demonstrate proficiency in delivering course content plus administering and reading the TST. Participants will receive feedback from experienced trainers as they practice their skills.

Register at:

<https://www.ahce-registration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailsntc/19f3cd308f1455b3fa09a282e0d496f4>

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**New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute, Newark, N, J.** Phone: 973-972-3270 Medical Consultation: 1-800-482-3627. Website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/home.htm> (This Center serves the Northeastern region which includes: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia and the cities of Baltimore, Detroit, New York City and Philadelphia.)

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**National Web-Based Seminar. Best Practices in TB Control #2: Key Activities and Roles in the Cohort Review Process.**

January 20, 2011. This is the second in a series of web-based seminars on the cohort review process. The purpose of this one and one-half-hour seminar is to further the process of providing TB program leaders, managers, clinicians, and case managers with the necessary knowledge and skills to participate in TB cohort reviews in their program areas. The seminar will explore in depth the activities key leaders and case managers do to prepare, present, and follow-up cohort reviews. The format includes presentations by experienced practitioners, discussion of implementation and follow-up issues, and examples from programs in Columbus OH, Philadelphia PA, Washington DC, and Washington State. Additional information and registration can found at

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/2011/cohortreview2.html>

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**National Web-Based Seminar. Best Practices in TB Control # 3: Cohort Review in Action - Putting it All Together.**

February 10, 2011. This is the third in a series of web-based seminars on the cohort review process. The seminar will present the entire picture of a cohort review from start to finish. The format features a simulated cohort review session including case presentations, feedback and comments by a program director and medical reviewer, analysis and summary of outcomes by an epidemiologist, and plans for each person to follow up on the findings. Presenters are experienced practitioners from programs in Columbus OH, Philadelphia PA, Washington DC, and Washington State. Additional information and registration at

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/2011/cohortreview3.html>

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**Online Internet Based TB Program Managers Workshop:** February 7, 14, and 22. This interactive workshop, consisting of three live web-based sessions, with accompanying pre-recorded lectures for advance viewing, is designed to enhance the managerial skills of new and seasoned TB managers and supervisors. It utilizes a combination of live web-based lectures and pre-recorded lecture which can be viewed at the participant's convenience. Enrollment is limited to supervisors and managers of TB control program activities. Participants must be familiar with basic concepts

about tuberculosis disease and infection, as outlined in the CDC Self-Study Modules on Tuberculosis prior to attendance at this course. This course will not cover fundamental TB concepts nor clinical issues related to TB. Your supervisor will be contacted to attest to your basic TB knowledge, role and responsibilities, and ability to complete all course activities. This course will be conducted as three, 2-hour sessions occurring over three weeks with recordings to be viewed in advance of those days. In order to apply for this course, participants must be available for all three live dates and must view recorded lectures by the due dates. Course certificates will only be issued if these requirements are fulfilled. Additional information and registration at:

<http://www.umdj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/tbprogrammanagers2011.html#fee>

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**TB Day and IGRA Course**, March 23, 2011. New York City. This one-day conference will focus on TB-related initiatives in New York as well as feature an afternoon session on the use of interferon gamma release assays. For more information, contact Rajita Bhavaraju at [bhavarr@umdj.edu](mailto:bhavarr@umdj.edu) or (973) 972-4811. end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting.

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**Delivering HIV Rapid Test Results: Experiences from the Field:** The NJMS Global Tuberculosis Institute is pleased to announce our new product, Delivering HIV Rapid Test Results: Experiences from the Field. **The 30-minute DVD and Discussion Guide** were produced with our partners in the New England Federal Training Center Collaboration (New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center, Region I Title X Family Planning Training Center, New England AIDS Education Training Center, and the Sylvie Ratelle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center). This video combines real stories from providers delivering rapid HIV test results and clients learning their HIV test results, as well as scripted vignettes that illustrate key points. It is designed so that it can be used both for individual study as well as in a group learning setting. The video comes with an accompanying discussion and resource guide.

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**For information about additional courses and products from this center check this website:**  
<http://www.umdj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm>

**The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center in San Antonio, Texas:** Phone: 1-800-TEX-LUNG Website: <http://www.heartlandntbc.org> FAX Medical Consultation: 210-531-4500. FAX Administration/Training: 210-531-4590. (This Center serves the Southwestern region which includes the following states: [Arizona](#), [Illinois](#), [Iowa](#), [Kansas](#), [Minnesota](#), [Missouri](#), [Nebraska](#), [New Mexico](#), [North Dakota](#), [Oklahoma](#), [South Dakota](#), [Texas](#), and [Wisconsin](#).)  
**2011 Heartland Center training courses will be listed soon at the Center's website at:**  
<http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training.asp#webinar>

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