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sponding legislation in the Assembly this Fall.

New Jersey residents interested and concerned about this issue should contact their State Senators and Assemblymen and ask them to co-sponsor these bills. For any questions contact Ellen Sweeney of Parents for Autism Autoimmune and Vaccine Education at (732) 451-1073 or Geoff Dubrowsky (Parent of Austistic Child) at 201-264-8654.

Groups petition FDA to ban use of antibiotics in animals

The American Public Health Association and other national groups have filed a petition with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), urging it to ban the use of antibiotics in animals because their use fails to comply with FDA safety standards. The FDA guidelines state that drugs that may be very important in treating human disease should not be used extensively in agriculture. But seven classes of antibiotics, including drug types such as penicillin and tetracyclin are used regularly in the US to treat entire flocks of poultry or herds of cattle.

The Union of Concerned Scientists reports that 70 percent of antibiotics used annually are fed to cattle and poultry to prevent diseases due to overcrowding and unhygienic conditions. More than half of these are those used

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apply their influence as well in making this important change.

ICA encouraged all DCs to sign up for the federal volunteer clearinghouse, in part to demonstrate to policy makers the size and willingness of the chiropractic volunteer contingent to serve in the current disaster. Along with many other health care organizations, which have certainly encouraged their members to do the same, this system is no longer accepting individual offers of help. By September 15, 2005, the federal volunteer website had posted the following notice:

At this time, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is NO longer accepting individual medical and relief worker applications. More than 33,000 health care professionals and relief personnel have registered with the Department of Health and Human Services for possible deployment in affected areas. We thank you for your interest.

GROUPS: HHS remains interested in identifying groups (of at least five health care professionals or relief personnel from a single employer) who are interested in deploying as a group.

ICA has responded on behalf of its members with a group offer, and will continue to seek a specific chiropractic professional category, along with an established protocol for chiropractic volunteers in this important relief and emergency service system.

in humans, leading to concerns that their effect could be useless when used for treatment.

The petition followed the introduction of S.742, the "Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act" by Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME) which seeks to ban eight classes of antibiotics from being used in animal feed. For more information visit www.environmentaldefense.org/gp/antibiotics.

Regular daycare attendance for infants may reduce Leukemia risk

Children who attend daycare regularly in the first few months of life are less likely to develop leukemia than their peers who don't, according to a study released in the April 22 online version of the *British Medical Journal*.

The study was conducted by Dr. T.O. Eden and his colleagues at the Manchester Children's University Hospital in the United Kingdom. The researchers studied the daycare use and social activity of 6,305 children without cancer, 3,140 children with cancer including 1,286 with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL).

The authors noted that the risk of ALL fell as social activity increased. Children who had attended daycare regularly as infants were 38% to 52% less likely to develop ALL when compared with infants who spent no time outside the home. A similar, but less striking pattern was seen for other cancers.

A plausible explanation as to why daycare seems to protect against leukemia is that it allows children to be exposed to common infections early in life. The authors concluded, "Some degree of early exposure to infection seems to be important for child health."

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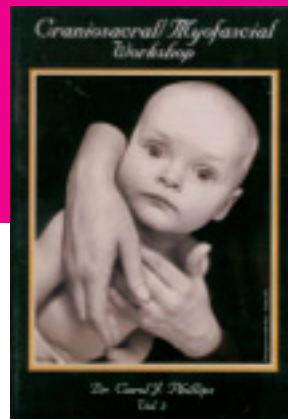
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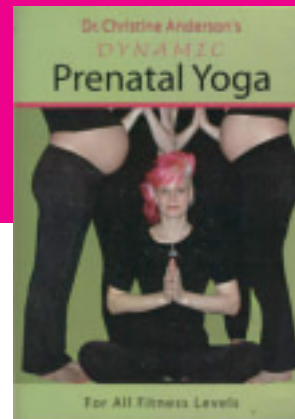
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Christine Anderson, DC, DICCP, who developed the video, says the regular practice of yoga during pregnancy prepares women for the challenges they will face during childbirth – physically, emotionally and spiritually. Viewers can flow through the entire 90 minute practice or perform individual sessions through the chaptered program.

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