



Health Outreach Prevention Education

“Building Healthy Communities - Congregation by Congregation”

Easter Seals Make the First Five Count Sunday Report Form

Church: _____ Date: _____

Activity: _____

Health Information Disseminated:

Subject Covered: _____ # of people who received info: _____

Would you like to receive additional information on “Make the First Five Count” or other services provided by Easter Seals?

Feedback and Comments: _____

Please email to: jjamieson@easterseals.com or fax to 312.726.6200

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Easter Seals *Make the First Five Count* Sunday “How To”

The National Baptist Convention has designated August 2013 as Easter Seals Awareness Month, specifically promoting “*Make the First Five Count* Sunday” on August 18, 2013. National Baptist Church congregations are asked to spread the word about the importance of early intervention and developmental delays on *Make the First Five Count* Sunday by:

- ◆ Downloading the *Make The First Five Count* Sunday Worship Guide Insert for distribution to your membership on Sunday, August 18, 2013.
- ◆ Distributing Easter Seals *Make the First Five Count* fact sheets to members of your congregation – asking them to share this important message with their family members and friends.
- ◆ Asking members of the congregation to join Easter Seals in our efforts to encourage Congress to not cut funding for Part C Early Intervention Programs by signing the *Make the First Five Count* petition at MaketheFirstFiveCount.org.
- ◆ Encouraging parents to complete the Ages & Stages Questionnaires® at MaketheFirstFiveCount.org giving all parents free access to a valuable screening tool from Brookes Publishing.
- ◆ Encouraging members of your congregation to go to Easter Seals’ Website [www.easterseals.com] to find the location closest to them where they can access Easter Seals screenings and services.

Speaking Point:

The first five years of children’s lives are years of incredible learning that shape their futures. This, alone, is a reason to assure that all children have access to the resources they will need to learn and grow. Every year, millions of young children with unidentified disabilities and developmental delays enter school with learning and health issues that put them far behind their peers and have a lasting, negative effect on their ability to meet their full potential. Easter Seals strives to be part of the solution in this area. We serve more than 90,000 children each year through early intervention programs – using therapies that work to strengthen children’s physical, social, emotional, and intellectual abilities from infancy.

If you have any questions regarding this partnership or need additional information, contact:

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