



## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Funding Opportunity Available for School Nurses in Missouri

Fourth Annual Asthma School Nursing Award Recognizes  
the Role of School Nurses as Asthma Care Educators

School nurses are leaders in the care of children with asthma. In addition to education, counseling and disease monitoring services, school nurses help families navigate a complex medical care system. To recognize the leadership of school nurses in asthma care, the Missouri Asthma Program of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) announces its fourth annual Asthma School Nursing Award.



DHSS seeks applications from school nurses working in urban, suburban and rural communities who can lead an asthma care improvement project during the summer of 2009. A limited number of awards are available.

Nurses may choose to train sport coaches on asthma management basics, meet with parents to review asthma action plans, develop asthma care improvement recommendations for school officials, provide indoor environment assessments, or design a project of their own. Asthma School Nursing Award recipients will receive \$700, project materials, public recognition, and technical support from the program team. Last year 52 award recipients from 28 counties successfully implemented their projects. Prior award recipients are encouraged to apply again.

Applications are being accepted through May 11, 2009. Decisions are made on a rolling basis. Interested persons should complete a brief application available at [www.astmahere.org](http://www.astmahere.org).

#### **About Asthma Here**

The Missouri Asthma Program launched *Asthma Here* in 2006 as its community partnering strategy. Funding is provided by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. By promoting best practices for asthma care improvement to community leaders, *Asthma Here* seeks to reduce the severity of asthma in Missouri communities.

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