



Announcement

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46 School Nurses Recognized with Asthma School Nursing Award

Community-based Projects to Address Asthma Care are Underway


To recognize the leadership of school nurses in asthma care, the Missouri Asthma Prevention and Control Program, a program of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, recently awarded 46 nurses with the Asthma School Nursing Award.



The recipients serve public and parochial school systems in 36 of Missouri's rural counties, representing every region of the state. More than 43,000 students are under their care. Based on national estimates, 3,000 of those students have asthma.

With \$800 in funding from a mini-grant, each recipient selected a project to address the care of children with asthma in their community. Twenty-four chose to train sport coaches on asthma signs, symptoms, and management of athletes with asthma; eighteen elected to partner with parents to assess asthma care needs of elementary and high school students in preparation for back-to-school; three are making policy recommendations to school boards and administrators based on the Center for Disease Control's School Health Index; one school nurse created a customized approach which incorporated elements of the coach and parent-oriented projects.

Elinor Burnett, RN from Breckenridge R-I (Caldwell County) said that "additional asthma instruction and reinforcement of care are important because we are very rural and some distance from emergency care." School nurse Deb Cooke, RN from Kennett (Dunklin County) reported that the coaches program, in particular, "will encourage and allow the athlete to feel safe while participating."



“The school office is often the first line of health care for many of our students,” says school nurse Kathy Palmer, RN of Knox County R-I in Edina, Missouri. The Asthma School Nursing Award was created for that reason, said Missouri Asthma Program manager Peggy Gaddy. “The Department is pleased to support school nurses across Missouri. They are important allies with children, parents, and physicians in the management of asthma.”

Asthma is the number one cause of hospitalization among children under 15 years of age, and accounts for one-sixth of all pediatric emergency room visits in the United States. Missouri data shows children under 15, particularly males and African Americans, have the highest rates of hospitalization and emergency room visits due to asthma. Asthma is a leading cause of school absenteeism due to a chronic illness, resulting in an average of 8 missed school days per child with asthma and a total of 700,000 days per year across Missouri.

A list of awardees is attached and available online at www.astmahere.org.

About Asthma Here

The Missouri Asthma Prevention and Control Program launched *Asthma Here* in 2006 as its community partnering strategy to recognize and strengthen local efforts for health improvement. Funding is provided by a grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). By promoting best practices for asthma care improvement to community leaders, such as school nurses, *Asthma Here* seeks to reduce the severity of asthma in Missouri communities.

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ASTHMA SCHOOL NURSING AWARD

2006 Recipients

(listed by region)

Recipient Name (School and City)	County	Project
NORTHWEST		
Elinor Burnett, RN Breckenridge R-1 Kingston, MO 64650	Caldwell	Parents
Lesa Campbell, RN Maryville R-11 Maryville, MO 64468	Nodaway	Coaches
Marti Daily, RN Cowgill R-VI Kingston, MO 64650	Caldwell	Parents
Linda Estes, RN BSN West Nodaway R-1 Burlington Junction, MO 64428	Nodaway	Coaches
Janet Hill, RN Mirabile C-1 Kingston, MO 64650	Caldwell	Parents
Darlene King, RN Albany R-III Albany, MO 64402	Gentry	Parents
Melissa Lewis, RN Excelsior Springs High School Excelsior Springs, MO 64024	Clay	Coaches
Marilyn Lynch, RN Excelsior Springs Elementary Excelsior Springs, MO 64024	Clay	Coaches
Cindy Magee, RN King City R-1 King City, MO 64463	Gentry	Coaches
Kristi Moore, RN Braymer C-IV Braymer, MO 64624	Caldwell	School Health
Glenna Noel, LPN LaPlata R-II LaPlata, MO 63549	Macon	Parents
Shelly Reed, RN New York R-IV Kingston, MO 64650	Caldwell	Parents
Shellie Schnelle, RN Orrick R-XI Orrick, MO 64077	Ray	Coaches
WEST / SOUTHWEST		
Angie Anderson, RN Aurora R-VIII Aurora, MO 65605	Lawrence	Coaches

Sandy Castlebury, RN Sheldon R-8 and Bronaugh R-7 Sheldon, MO 64784	Vernon	Coaches
Stephanie Giberti, RN Seneca R-VII Seneca, MO 64865	Newton	Coaches
Linda Griffin, RN Henry R-I Windsor, MO 65360	Henry	Coaches
Julia Hagler, LPN Galena R-II Galena, MO 65656	Stone	Custom
Gail Hendrix, RN Osceola Osceola, MO 64776	St. Clair	Coaches
Eran Miller, CNA, CMT Chilhowee R-IV Chilhowee, MO 64733	Johnson	Parents
Anita Reed-Hooper, RN Hickory R-I Urbana, MO 65767	Hickory	Parents
CENTRAL		
Elizabeth Frerking, RN Malta Bend R-V Marshall, MO 65340	Saline	Parents
Wanda Rehagen, RN Osage R-III Westphalia, MO 65085	Osage	Coaches
Cherie Wankum, RN Osage County R-III, St. Joseph's, Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, Holy Family School, and St. Mary's Westphalia, MO 65085	Osage	Coaches
SOUTH CENTRAL		
Val Amerian, RN Bakersfield R-IV Bakersfield, MO 65609	Ozark	Coaches
Anita Biggs, LPN Taneyville R-II Taneyville, MO 65759	Taney	Parents
Wendy Brooke, RN Ava R-1 and Plainview R-8 Ava, MO 65608	Douglas	Parents
Vicki Hilliard, LPN Hartville R-II Hartville, MO 65667	Wright	Parents
Karen Phillips, RN Cabool R-IV Cabool, MO 65689	Texas	Coaches
Christy Sercl, RN, LPN Green Forest Salem, MO 65560	Dent	School Health

SOUTHEAST		
Beth Cagle, RN Caruthersville #18 Caruthersville, MO 63830	Pemiscot	Coaches
Deborah Cook, RN Kennett Kennett, MO 63857	Dunklin	Coaches
Jennifer Hicks, LPN Kennett Kennett, MO 63857	Dunklin	Parents
Deborah Hobbs, RN Charleston R-I Charleston, MO 63834	Mississippi	Coaches
Debra Sue Kiser, LPN Bernie R-XIII Bernie, MO 63822	Stoddard	Coaches
Louise Kennedy, RN Richland R-I Essex, MO 63846	Stoddard	Parents
Carol Massie, RN Southern Reynolds Co R-II Ellington, MO 63638	Reynolds	Parents
Martha Mobley, RN Kennett Kennett, MO 63857	Dunklin	Parents
Laura Shelton, RN, BSN Woodland R-IV Marble Hill, MO 63734	Bollinger	Parents
Nikki Vaught, RN, BSN Sikeston R-VI Sikeston, MO 63801	Scott	Coaches
EAST		
Faith Christeen Conway, RN Kingston K-14 Potosi, MO 63630	Washington	Coaches
Carol Generally, RN Union R-XI & Imm. Conception School Union, MO 63084	Franklin	School Health
NORTHEAST		
Gay Davis, LPN Sullivan Elementary 2-5 Sullivan, MO 63080	Sullivan	Parents
Janice Doolin, RN Putnam R-I Unionville, MO 63565	Putnam	Coaches
Gigi Lehenbauer, RN Madison C-III, Middle Grove C-I, Holliday C-II, Holy Rosary, Foundation for Life Paris, MO 65275	Monroe	Coaches
Kathy Palmer, RN Knox County R-1 Edina, MO 63537	Knox	Coaches