

Schnelle to offer asthma prevention training program

Shellie Schnelle, RN has been honored with the Asthma School Nursing Award by the Missouri Asthma Prevention and Control Program, a program of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Schnelle is a school nurse who works with children and families at Orrick R-XI School District.

Forty-six nurses from rural counties across Missouri received the Asthma School Nursing Award with an \$800 grant to carry out training, disease management or school health assessment projects.

Program Manager, Peggy Gaddy says "The Department is pleased to support Schnelle and other school nurses across Missouri. They are important allies with children, parents and physicians in the management of asthma."

In Ray County, Sch-

nelle will train coaches on how to detect and manage symptoms of asthma among elementary and high school athletes.

She can be contacted directly at 816-776-2064 to discuss her project and ongoing work to help children with 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 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.

For more information on asthma, visit www.astmahere.org.

You may also call Eric Stephen Armbricht of Open Health LLC at 314-446-6485.