Asthma in St. Louis

Asthma is a chronic disease that affects your LUNGS.

Nationally, 1 in 10 kids has asthma

Asthma causes frequent periods of wheezing (a whistling sound when you breathe), chest tightness, shortness of breath, and coughing.

2015 Program Results

B.R.E.A.T.H

Bridging Resources to Encourage Asthma Treatment and Health

AAFA-STL's comprehensive asthma and allergy management program provides prescription assistance, asthma equipment, education, and support to eligible children that are uninsured or underinsured.

The Facts:

- 14 million missed school days
- 2 in 5 uninsured people with asthma cannot afford their prescription medicines
- $154 average monthly cost for preventative asthma medication - without insurance
- In St. Louis, childhood asthma rates are 2x the national average
- 22 kids are hospitalized
- 454 kids miss school
- 148 kids visit the ER

2012 - HB1188 Passes in Missouri!

School nurses can stock asthma rescue medication. The medicine can be used on any child experiencing an asthma attack.

AAFA-STL's R.E.S.C.U.E. Program Grows in 2015!

- 238 schools received equipment
- 1149 nebulizer attachments
- 120 nebulizer machines
- 626 spacers
- 85 percent of kids who were able to return to the classroom after using a piece of AAFA-STL equipment

R.E.S.C.U.E.

Resources for Every School Confronting Unexpected Emergencies

AAFA-STL's school nurse asthma equipment program that provides school nurses the vital tools generally necessary during asthma emergencies.

2015 Program Results

- 1881 asthma and allergy prescriptions filled
- 720 allergic bed encasings provided
- 192 pieces of asthma equipment provided
- 37 referrals to other social service agencies in St. Louis
- 65 percent of clients who had prescription coverage upon exit

People reached through our community outreach efforts

- 3,099 people reached
- 22 education classes taught to school nurses & daycare providers

AAFA-STL Out in the Community

- 148 active volunteers
- 1083 volunteer hours
- St. Louis Children's Hospital - Cardinal Glennon Hospital - United Way of Greater St. Louis - Healthy Kids Express - Gateway FEAST - Asthma Coalition Members - Variety: A Children's Charity -