

AAFA-STL



The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, St. Louis Chapter (AAFA-STL) serves those affected by asthma and allergies through education, support, and resources.

The Facts:

Asthma is a chronic disease that affects your **LUNGS**.



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

Nationally, 1 in 15 kids has asthma



14 million school days missed

Effective asthma care is expensive



2 in 5 uninsured people with asthma can not afford their prescription medicines

\$154 average monthly cost for preventative asthma medication - without insurance

Asthma in St. Louis:



asthma rates are **3X** the national average

In St. Louis, asthma is the #1 reason kids...



visit the ER miss school are hospitalized

AAFA-STL's Programs: 2014 Results

B.R.E.A.T.H

Bridging Resources to Encourage Asthma Treatment and Health

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

693 Kids

2060

Asthma and Allergy Prescriptions Filled

1032

Allergic Bed Encasings Provided

230

Pieces of Asthma Equipment Provided

61

Referrals to Other Social Service Agencies in St. Louis

75

Percent of Clients Who Had Prescription Coverage Upon Exit

2012 - HB1188 Passes in Missouri!



School nurses can stock an 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 Continued to Grow in 2014!

176

Schools Received Equipment

1539

Nebulizer Attachments

82

Nebulizer Machines

757

Spacers

83

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.

Community Outreach

99

Active Volunteers

604

Volunteer Hours

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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

People reached through our community outreach efforts

817

Education Classes Taught to School Nurses & Daycare Providers

23

