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Asthma Education & Air Quality Check Available Through Health Center

Livingston County Health Center Offers Child Care Asthma Quality Improvement Program through ARRA Grant

February 14, 2011: Livingston County Health Center is now offering the Child Care Asthma Quality Improvement Program thanks to Child Care and Development Block Grant funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The program targets families of children of all ages with asthma in the child care setting, or children birth to five years of age not currently in a child care program. Services include asthma consultation services available to parents and child care providers in licensed and unlicensed program and infants and children up to age 5 in the county who don't attend daycare. Also provided through the program are non-regulatory Indoor Air Quality assessments to child care facilities to test air quality and provide education on indoor asthma trigger identification and reduction.

Susan Rice, RN will provide phone or face-to-face consultation with families who have a child with asthma, or a group situation containing at least one child with asthma. She will educate parents and caregivers on symptoms, triggers and medications used to treat asthma using the ABC or "Acting on Behalf of my Child to Control Asthma" program created by the University of Missouri Children's Hospital.

Richard Smith, Environmental Public Health Specialist, will provide on-site indoor air quality assessments measuring carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, humidity and temperature to child care sites –licensed and unlicensed-using air quality monitors provided by the Department of Health & Senior Services. He can also provide educational materials and suggestions for improvement on indoor air quality to the provider.

If you would like more information about either of these services, please call the health center at 646-5506 and ask to speak to Susan, Richard or Sherry Weldon, Administrator.

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