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Asthma Free School Zone Newsletter

Asthma Prevention, Environmental Protection & Community Empowerment in a Neighborhood Setting

AFSZ Appearances Here & There

Solutionary Women
BlogHer Profile
Rebecca Kalin
<http://blogher.org/node/5984>

*Health Education Approaches
for Low Literacy Learners*
Asthma Training Institute
NYC DOHMH
273 Bowery, NYC
June 1, 2006 ~ 9-12:30 AM

Asthma Triggers
New York Public Library
Branch Libraries
Hamilton Fish Park 5/20/06
Mott Haven 5/17/06, 5/10/06
Countee Cullen 5/3/06
Morrisania 4/29/06

*Environmental Issues
and Asthma*
Asthma Training Institute
NYC DOHMH
505 Eighth Avenue, NYC
April 4, 2006 ~ 9-12:30 AM

AFSZ Expands To New Downtown Office

Come visit! The AFSZ main office is now in the Houston Street Center on the SW corner of Houston and Bowery. The new, 42,000 square-foot, block-long complex includes basketball courts and work-out rooms, a sauna and swimming pool, all run by the Chinatown YMCA; teaching, meeting and seminar rooms for non-profit community and arts groups, run by University Settlement, America's first social settlement house. The Houston Street Center is open seven days a week from 7am to 11pm.

At the invitation of the Hunter College Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, the AFSZ will continue to keep an office at 425 East 25th Street and First Avenue, Room #713 West. There, the staff will be working with faculty and MPH students who will assist in the air quality monitoring component of the upcoming three-year Department of Transportation project.

For information about renting **Houston Street Center** spaces, call University Settlement: 212-453-4575. Calendar and travel directions can be found on the web: <http://www.universitysettlement.org/what/community.html>

AFSZ Daycare Training in Harlem

On June 9th, AFSZ staff member Lori Bukiewicz led a training workshop for twenty-five daycare teachers and administrators from Union Settlement in East Harlem. The group was enthusiastic and eager to learn ways to reduce asthma triggers in the daycare setting. There was special interest in the topic of unnecessary engine idling and ways to reduce it. Teachers received lesson plans about air quality. The curriculum included hands-on activities designed to introduce very young children to the concepts of air and pollution.

Dionicia Torres, AFSZ Intern

This year, the AFSZ has had the pleasure of working with Dionicia Torres, a Washington Irving High School junior in the Mentor Connection program. With guidance from the AFSZ staff, she has written, formatted and translated to Spanish our monthly parent newsletter, the *School Zone News*. During the year, Dionicia has also been working on a case study of PS 19, a Brooklyn AFSZ school.. Dionicia (shown at right) has been a great addition to our team!

AFSZ Workshops and the NYPL

The AFSZ began a new program this spring: environmental asthma trainings at branch libraries of the NYC Public Library system. During April and May, staff member Olivia Perrotta Hare gave five presentations in the South Bronx, Harlem and Manhattan. Each library is in an AFSZ school zone neighborhood. The talks focused on reducing home triggers and were attended by a range of community members including parents of asthmatic children, library staff and school children. The public library venue proved to be an excellent way to connect people in the community with the AFSZ program and to raise awareness about environmental asthma triggers in the neighborhood .

Our New Office

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