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# Asthma Free School Zone Newsletter

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

## Idling Legislation Proposed for NYC

Intro 083 - AFSZ  
<http://webdocs.nycouncil.info/textfiles/Int%200083-2004.htm?CFID=65004&CFTOKEN=71120378>

Intro 110a  
<http://webdocs.nycouncil.info/textfiles/Int%200110-2004A.htm?CFID=65004&CFTOKEN=71120378>

Intro 116  
<http://webdocs.nycouncil.info/textfiles/Int%200116-2004.htm?CFID=65004&CFTOKEN=71120378>

Intro 395  
<http://webdocs.nycouncil.info/textfiles/Int%200395-2004.htm?CFID=65004&CFTOKEN=71120378>

## AFSZ in the 'Hood *Upcoming Health Fairs*

EHAWG  
July 24, 2004 ~ 9 - 3  
116th @ Park/Lexington

TAINO FAMILY DAY  
August 7, 2004 ~ 1-8  
Third Ave. @ 122th/123rd

## AFSZ in East and Central Harlem

Beginning in September, as many as twelve new Asthma Free School Zones will be created in upper Manhattan's East and Central Harlem. The AFSZ environmental health program and school zone designation will be part of a collaborative effort to reduce asthma-related absenteeism and illness in high asthma prevalent neighborhoods. The collaborating partners are the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's East Harlem District Office, the Harlem Children's Zone, Asthma Basics for Children and the New York Academy of Medicine. The schools expected to implement the program are: PS 38, PS 50, PS 57, PS 72, PS 76, PS 101, PS 123, PS 154, PS 155, PS 171, PS 180, and PS 242.

The AFSZ program helps build healthy, safe and informed communities through:

- Environmental health training for school parents and staff
- Community outreach and education
- Support for school-wide health initiatives and AFSZ team-building
- Environmental assessment of the school and grounds
- Designation of "school zones"

## "Idling Gets You Nowhere" Poster

On your way to work, the post office, or your corner deli, you may have hurried past a no-idling message to New Yorkers. You may have even stood beside it in an attempt to stay dry or avoid the midday sun while waiting for a bus. Large red, white and black "Idling Gets You Nowhere" posters have been visible since late May in hundreds of bus shelters citywide. They are part of the US EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality, the US DOT's Federal Highway Administration, the DOT's Federal Transit Administration "It all adds up to Cleaner Air" campaign to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

Designed in collaboration with the NYC DOT and funded by the NYC Asthma Partnership, our poster urges drivers to protect children's health by turning off their engines in school zones. To learn more about the DOT campaign, visit: <http://www.italladdsup.gov/>.

## Have you seen our posters?

If you have, we would love to have a picture of you in front of one. You can send a jpeg to: [asthmafsz@aol.com](mailto:asthmafsz@aol.com).

## AFSZ Non-Profit Status

It's official! We're a non-profit! Your donation to the Asthma Free School Zone is now fully deductible under the sponsorship of Real World Foundation, Inc., its parent organization. On June 2, 2004, RWF was recognized by the federal government as a NYS not-for profit organization with 501-C3 tax-free status. The RWF mission is to promote positive social development, education and health through artistic production in multiple media, educational innovation, and creative civic action.

