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Asthma Free School Zone Newsletter

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

AFSZ Appearances Here & There

*NYPD Precinct 90
Community Meeting*
211 Union Avenue
Williamsburg
Brooklyn, NY
Mar. 8, 2006 - 7 PM

*Environmental Asthma
National Association of
Community Health Centers
(NACHC) Opryland
Nashville, Tennessee*
Feb. 28, 2006 ~ 2-4 PM

*Health Literacy in Health
Communication*
National Association of
Community Health Centers
(NACHC) Opryland
Nashville, Tennessee
Feb. 28, 2006 ~ 10-12 AM

*Asthma Free School Zone
The 27th Annual Minority
Health Conference*
University of North Carolina
Chapel, Hill, NC
Feb. 23, 2006 ~ 2-4 PM

AFSZ Expansion Beginning This Spring

The Asthma Free School Zone is growing—both organizationally and physically. This spring marks the beginning of three-year funding under a US Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant. Through this program, the AFSZ will partner with the NYC Department of Transportation in a three-year effort to improve air quality through promotion of idle-free school zones and raising of public awareness about environmental health issues.

New and additional staff will require additional space, and starting in April, the AFSZ will be taking an office in the block-long Avalon Christie/University Settlement complex at 273 Bowery on the corner of Houston Street in Soho. We will continue to keep a presence at Hunter College, which for the past year has generously donated two offices on East 25th Street in the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Department. This arrangement has made possible the easy placement of Urban Public Health Program student interns in the AFSZ project, a win-win for all that we are thrilled to continue.

Upcoming AFSZ/ATI Training Workshops

AFSZ staff will give two trainings in April for the Asthma Training Institute (ATI) of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. There will be a 3.5 hour session on Wednesday, April 5th, about environmental health: recognizing and reducing exposure to triggers and advocacy strategies around clean air issues. The workshop will held at 505 Eighth Avenue (28th Street) from 9:30 to 12:00, and will be free of charge to all.

On Tuesday, April 11th, there will be a 3.5 hour session about health literacy: characteristics of low literacy patients, help strategies for the clinical setting and the printed word. The workshop will held at 505 Eighth Avenue from 9:30 to 12:00, and will be free of charge to all.

For more information or to register for either or both workshops, please contact the ATI at 212-676-2178.

Help wanted

You know us. Tell us about you -
what you can do or want to do.

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J'ASTHMA on World Asthma Day

On May 2, 2006 there will be a benefit jazz concert for the AFSZ at Dillon's on 54th Street, between Broadway and 8th Avenue. The evening is being hosted by *Jazz For Peace*, an organization that performs to help raise music awareness, money for charities and instrument donations to schools. Rick DellaRatta, jazz composer, pianist, and vocalist, is at its forefront.



The AFSZ/*Jazz for Peace* Concert is scheduled for *World Asthma Day*, Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at 7 PM. If you have been tossing and turning at night, wondering how to celebrate WAD, here's your answer. Join us at Dillon's - cool jazz for a hot cause!



Tickets (\$25) can be bought by mail:
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