



Why asthma

- Since 2004, asthma has been ranked as one of the top three community health needs
- Up to 25% of children in St. Louis have asthma
- #1 cause of missed school days is asthma
- Asthma is more common and more severe among children; women; low-income, inner-city residents; and African American and Puerto Rican communities.



Who we are

- Health service program in Child Health Advocacy & Outreach department
- Collaborative with Washington University Allergy/Pulmonary physicians
- Collaborate with:
- Community primary care providers
- Team members include:
- Pediatric nurse practitioners
- Registered nurses
- Social workers
- Asthma coaches for high risk patients

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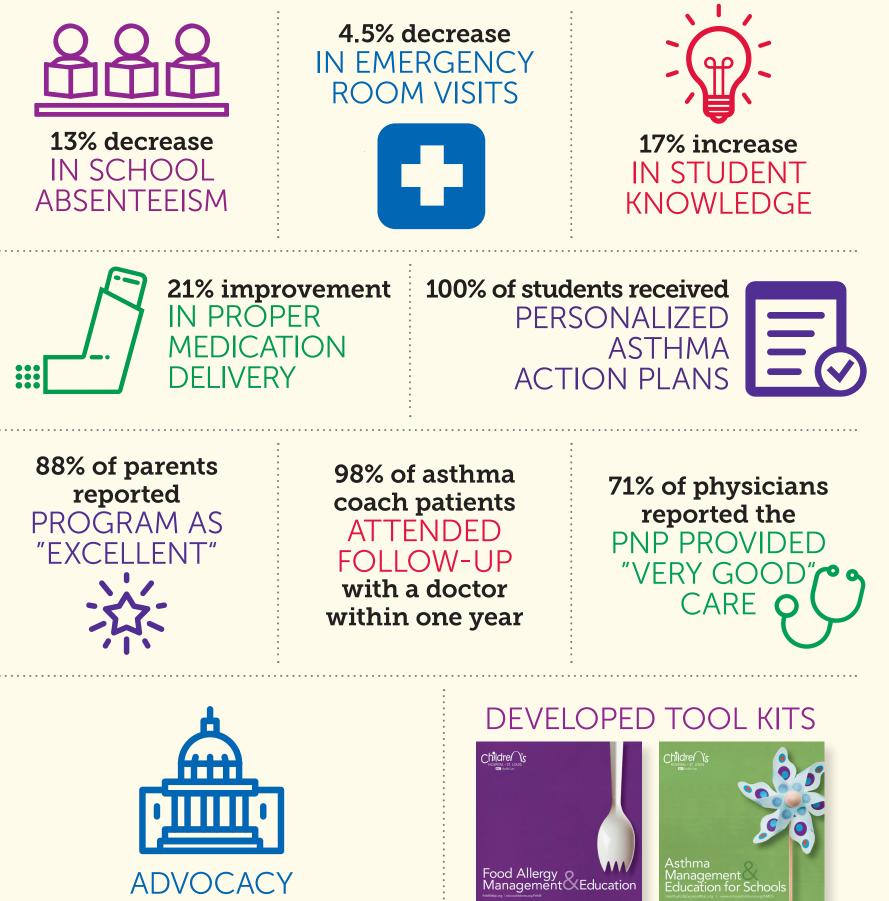
MERICAN NURSES

- Mobile health drivers
- Community health workers



- Provide free school-based asthma specialty care to partnering school districts where 98% are African American
- Improve access and address social determinants of health - Avoid missed work for parents and missed school for children

Outcomes



MO HB 1188: Schools stock asthma rescue medications

MO HB 11.528: Reimbursement for asthma education and home assessments





• Services include:

- Exams (guardian presence not required)
- -Asthma action plans and case management
- Lung function tests
- Education (student, family, and school staff)
- -Asthma equipment and community resources
- Motivational interviewing techniques

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