

**Managing Asthma in Day Care**  
Request for Proposals (RFP)

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New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
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**Contract Awards**

<b>Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center</b>
<b>Clergy United For Community Empowerment, Inc.</b>
<b>Union Settlement</b>

**Background and Purpose:** Asthma is the leading cause of missed school days for New York City (NYC) children and is the most common cause of hospitalization and emergency room visits among children 14 years of age and younger (NYC DOHMH, 2008)<sup>i</sup>, with children 4 years old and younger having the highest rate of ER visits in this age group (NYS Dept. of Health, 2013)<sup>ii</sup>. Furthermore, children from low-income areas in NYC have been found to be hospitalized at a significantly higher rate than those from high-income areas in NYC (NYS Dept. of Health, 2013)<sup>iii</sup>. As part of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DOHMH) overall mission to protect the health and wellbeing of all residents of NYC, this RFP was issued to identify vendors to implement asthma programs for children in day care. The objectives of this RFP are to increase the number of early childhood administrators, teachers and custodial staff trained on asthma; increase asthma awareness and management among parents of children 0-5; and increase the percentage of children with persistent asthma on long-term control medicine.

Contractors awarded from this RFP, listed above, are tasked with activities including:

- Implementing and managing the asthma program at 50 sites in each service area
- Organizing and facilitating group meetings
- Evaluating and providing technical support around environmental triggers for asthma
- Providing asthma basics training to child care center staff
- Training sites on day care-to-school transition

<sup>i</sup> NYC DOHMH. (2008). *NYC Vital Signs*. Retrieved from <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/survey/survey-2008asthma.pdf>

<sup>ii</sup> NYS Dept. of Health. (2013). Retrieved from [https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/ny\\_asthma/pdf/2013\\_asthma\\_surveillance\\_summary\\_report.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/ny_asthma/pdf/2013_asthma_surveillance_summary_report.pdf)

<sup>iii</sup> NYS Dept. of Health. (2013). Retrieved from [https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/ny\\_asthma/pdf/2013\\_asthma\\_surveillance\\_summary\\_report.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/ny_asthma/pdf/2013_asthma_surveillance_summary_report.pdf)