

# Breathe easy

at home program

## A Year in Review

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### BEAH in 2013

Happy New Year, providers!

Breathe Easy received the highest number of referrals ever –245 in 2013! Thank you so much! Most of our referrals usually come from Dorchester and Roxbury but this year, we noticed that there have been an increase of referrals from the East Boston neighborhood of Boston. This is great news as Breathe Easy's target populations are families with asthma in Boston's neighborhoods with lots of multi-family rental housing. We're so please to be receiving referrals for residents of East Boston.

As we reviewed program data for 2013, we observed that again this year inspectors have trouble getting into a fair amount of Breathe Easy referrals for both inspections and re-inspections. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation public health research grant that Breathe Easy at Home received in 2013 will provide an opportunity to learn more about the causes of this problem and to identify potential ways to address this problem.

During the January 2014 meeting of the Breathe Easy at Home Steering Committee, case reviews showed a few BEAH clients whose landlords threatened or conducted retaliatory actions. Plans to educate property owners in Boston will target this problem. The Office of Civil Rights has offered to conduct initial investigations of these situations, so please inform us if this is a problem or concern of your patients.

Sincerely,

Amanda Ali, Breathe Easy at Home Coordinator

#### Special points of interest:

- **Breathe Easy at Home highlights in 2013**
- **Financial Resources for Patients who are owners**
- **Warming centers provided by the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF)**

### Financial Resources for Patients Who Are Owners

If your patient with asthma owns their home, they may be reluctant to have an inspection by the Inspectional Services Department. The Department of Neighborhood Development's (DND) Boston Home Center **HomeWorks HELP** program provides interest free loans for home repair. Home Center staff assess homeowners' eligibility to receive an interest-free loan for a variety of approved home repair projects. The program helps owners through the entire home repair process, helping to find a contractor, monitor work quality, and ensure a post-renovation inspection. This may be a resource for addressing housing conditions, in owner occupied homes, that affect asthma.

The Boston Home Center also offers a program for owners of triple-decker units called, **3D HELP** through which owners may be eligible to receive up to \$30,000 in home repair or energy retrofits funding from the City.

For more information and applications, please visit the City of Boston's websites:

[http://www.cityofboston.gov/dnd/bhc/HomeWorks\\_Help.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/dnd/bhc/HomeWorks_Help.asp)

<http://www.cityofboston.gov/3D/assistance/renovation.asp>



## **BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES (BCYF) WINTER 2013/14**

### **WARMING CENTER LIST**

*The following BCYF community centers are available as Warming Centers when Mayor Menino declares a Winter Weather Emergency.*

NOTE: Because the BCYF Warming Center List is subject to change, please call the Mayor's 24 Hour Service, 617-635-4500, for updates on which BCYF centers are open during any/all emergencies.

BCYF Archdale Community Center CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

BCYF Blackstone Community Center 50 West Brookline Street, Boston 617-635-5162

BCYF Charlestown Community Center 255 Medford Street, Charlestown 617-635-5169

BCYF Cleveland Community Center 11 Charles Street, Dorchester 617-635-5141

BCYF Condon Community Center 200 D Street, South Boston 617-635-5100

BCYF Curley Community Center (L St.) 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston 617-635-5104

BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center 20 South Street, Jamaica Plain 617-635-5193

BCYF Gallivan Community Center 61 Woodruff Way, Mattapan 617-635-5252

BCYF Golden Age Center 382 Main Street, Charlestown 617-635-5175

BCYF Grove Hall CC (Burke) 51 Geneva Ave, Dorchester 617-635-1484

BCYF Hennigan Community Center 200 Heath Street, Jamaica Plain 617-635-5198

BCYF Holland Community Center 85 Olney Street, Dorchester 617-635-5144

BCYF Hyde Park Community Center 1179 River Street, Hyde Park 617-635-5178

BCYF Jackson-Mann Community Center 500 Cambridge St, Allston 617-635-5153

BCYF Leahy-Holloran CC (Murphy) 1 Worrell Street, Dorchester 617-635-5159

BCYF Mildred Avenue Community Center 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan 617-635-1328

BCYF Nazzaro Community Center 30 North Bennet Street, North End 617-635-5166

BCYF Ohrenberger Comm. Center 175 West Boundary Rd., West Roxbury 617-635-5183

BCYF Orient Heights Comm. Center 86 Boardman Street, East Boston 617-635-5120

BCYF Perkins Community Center (Lee) 155 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester 617-635-5146

BCYF Quincy Community Center 885 Washington Street, Boston 617-635-5129

BCYF Recreation Center at Madison Park 55 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury 617-635-5206

BCYF Roche Family Comm. Center 1716 Centre Street, West Roxbury 617-635-5066

BCYF Roslindale Community Center 6 Cummins Highway, Roslindale 617-635-5185

BCYF Shelburne Community Center 2730 Washington Street, Roxbury 617-635-5213

BCYF Tobin Community Center 1481 Tremont St, Roxbury 617-635-5216

BCYF Tynan Community Center 650 East 4th Street, So Boston 617-635-5110

BCYF Vine Street Community Center 339 Dudley Street, Roxbury 617-635-1285

