

Warm up to the

Breathe easy at home program

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Breathe Easy in Print

Breathe Easy at Home has been featured in a few different media over the past quarter! The Boston Public Health Commission formally announced the evaluation grant awarded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation available on the Boston Public Health Commission's blog website, titled: "Grant Helps Boston Breathe A Little Easier" (<http://www.bphc.org/onlinenewsroom/Blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=475>)

Also, as you know, the Journal of Environmental Health's March 2014 issue

included a commentary about Breathe Easy at Home entitled "Breathe Easy at Home: A Web-Based Referral System Linking Clinical Sites With Housing Code Enforcement for Patients With Asthma." The article can be accessed on the City of Boston's website in the News & Press Releases section: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/news/default.aspx?id=6339>.

Lastly, a Presidential Scholar from the Boston College Class of 2016 approached BEAH to write an article for their publication, *The Heart of this City: Boston Strong and Becoming*

Stronger. The publication highlights how interagency coordination's contributes to keeping city residents healthy and improves the Boston Public Health Commission's commitment to social and racial justice. The BEAH Coordinator is featuring an article highlighting BEAH's efforts in line with these objectives from her personal point of view. The publication will debut on April 15. More information about the *Heart of this City* project can be found here: <http://www.theheartofthiscity.org/>

Clinical Spotlight

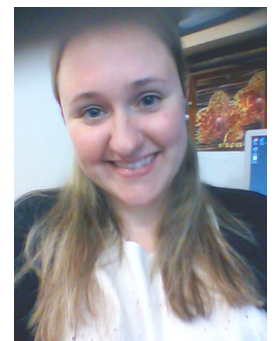
This quarter, Breathe Easy at Home would like to recognize Katie Dawson, a Community Health Worker at the Brigham and Women's Advanced Primary Care Associates in Jamaica Plain. In an email in March, Katie shared her method of ensuring that her patients remember their Breathe Easy re-inspections with our program staff.

"...I know Amanda you were saying one of the biggest problems is ISD tries to do re-inspections but they can't get in the home b/c the person isn't there, doesn't remember, etc."

Katie created a Word document that lists the date and time of the appointment found in her Breathe Easy email update from the BEAH Coordinator.

"It's very important you answer the door and/or phone when they come! **Why?** It helps them see if the landlord or housing authority did anything to fix your living situation."

Thank you, Katie, for actively engaging with patients to help eliminate in-home asthma triggers!
For access to the document, contact the BEAH Coordinator.



Asthma & Allergy Awareness

May is National Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month! Here is an educational event going on in the city of Boston to help you and your patients celebrate!

Learn and Teach about Asthma - 2014

Saturday, May 31st

8:30am-2pm at Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center

1350 Tremont Street, Roxbury Crossing

May
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ASTHMA and ALLERGY
Awareness Month

This continuing education program is open to all but aimed specifically for LPN's, patient care assistants, medical assistants, outreach workers, and child care educators. It will be offered simultaneously in English and in Spanish. Nursing CEU's and Respiratory Contact Hours are offered and a Certificate of Completion can be applied toward continuing education for child care providers and outreach workers. Child care, breakfast and lunch, and lung function testing (Spirometry) will also be provided.

Call Jackie at 617-732-7464 for more information and to pre-register.

*"Help us make
sure your patients'
in-home triggers
get eliminated..."*

Check for Repeat Referrals

Don't forget about the **Case List** feature on your Breathe Easy at Home account. Looking at the Case List allows you to look through every patient that has been referred from your clinical site. There, you can see if your patient has had Breathe Easy inspections before and what the results were.

In order to search faster, on your keyboard, press

Ctrl +F at the same time. You can enter the name or address of your patient to find them.

If your patient has had a Breathe Easy referral that is now closed, check to see if they were unable to make their inspection. If so, ask if they'd like to try again. If the case was closed because the violations were corrected, ask if they've returned or if there are

new violations to find.

If their case is still open, check for updates. If there is not a recent update or you have any questions, contact the BEAH Coordinator (617-534-2485).

Help us make sure your patients' in-home triggers get eliminated by checking in with them before you re-refer them.

Requests for official inspection reports

We occasionally receive requests for official inspection reports from clients, clinicians, legal or other agency representatives. The form for requesting official inspection reports can be found at http://www.cityofboston.gov/isd/pdfs/Public_Records_Request_form.pdf

People can also call (617) 961-5300 for more information on the process.

