



# Mother & Child Health Coalition

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## LOCAL Immunization Heroes Recognized

**KANSAS CITY, MO-** The Mid America Immunization Coalition will honor immunization heroes at their annual awards meeting on Wednesday, December 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' NW District Health Office, 3717 S Whitney Ave. Independence, MO 64055. The following will be recognized for their leadership in promoting immunizations:

**CVS and Walgreens** will receive the *Corporate Social Responsibility Award* for increasing public awareness regarding flu immunizations.

**Dr. Cynthia Lane, Superintendent, Kansas City Kansas School District**, will receive the *Partnership Award* for insuring that all children enrolled in the Kansas City Kansas School District #500 are immunized.

**Centerpoint Medical Center and Providence Medical Center** will receive the *Best Practice Award* for providing education to parents about the importance of vaccinating their families with the Tdap vaccine and having standing Tdap orders in place.

**Shawna Jackson**, Independence MO Health Department, will receive the *Partnership Award* for initiating and maintaining Centerpoint Medical Center's Tdap program. Her hard work over the last few years to get Tdap orders in place, providing education to the nursing staff, each patient as well as educating OB offices, childcare centers, and pregnant women, on the importance of Tdap vaccine, has been an invaluable resource to the community.

**Johnson County Health Department** will receive the *Silver Syringe Award* for being the metropolitan area health department having the highest percentage of employees immunized against the flu.

**Maggi Pivovar** will receive the *Tragedy to Triumph Award* for educating health care professionals and the community about the need for those at risk to be immunized against Meningitis.

For more information about these immunization awards or to schedule an interview please contact Regina Weir, program coordinator, at (816) 283-6242, ext. 244 or [rweir@mchc.net](mailto:rweir@mchc.net).

**Weather Policy:** If the KCMO schools are closed due to weather conditions, all MCHC meetings are automatically canceled for the day.

Mother & Child Health Coalition promotes the health of mothers and children through community planning, education, advocacy and collaboration with organizations addressing infant mortality, immunization, childhood obesity, maternal health and child safety. Interviews are available upon request.

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