



# Mother & Child Health Coalition

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## LOCAL Immunization Heroes Recognized

**KANSAS CITY, MO-** Mid America Immunization Coalition will honor immunization heroes at their annual awards meeting on Wednesday, December 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Rockhurst Community Center, 5401 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64110. The following Immunization Heroes will be recognized for their leadership in promoting immunizations:

- **Best Practice Award** – Vanessa Prather: *2009 “No Child Left Behind” Pediatric Immunization Initiative*
- **Best Practice Awards** – Dr. Ximena Ilabaca-Somoza, MPH, and Corrie Lutte, BSN, RN | Epidemiology Specialist, Clay County Public Health Center, for their *“Just in Time Training and Assurance for H1N1 Vaccine Providers.”*
- **Silver Syringe Award** – Liberty Medical Center, for mandating that all employees receive the flu vaccine.

Following the awards, **Kit Wagar**, Affordable Care Act Specialist with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will speak about the importance of the ACA to women’s health in our community.

Please join us immediately preceding the meeting for refreshments.

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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