

# City of St. Louis, Department of Health Women/Children and Adolescent Health

4 Community Health Aides (CHAs) assist public health nurses within these program areas

- ▶ School/Child Care Health Program
  - ▶ Immunization audits
  - ▶ Health screenings and nurse consultations
  - ▶ Health education classes for children, parents, and providers
- ▶ Maternal and Child Health Program
  - ▶ Education on safe sleep practices and child car seat installation
  - ▶ Provision of cribs and car seats
  - ▶ Home visits to ensure compliance
- ▶ Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
  - ▶ Lead testing and education
  - ▶ Case management for children with elevated blood levels
  - ▶ Provision of cleaning equipment
- ▶ Asthma Services Program
  - ▶ Home environment assessments
  - ▶ Provision of cleaning equipment
  - ▶ Asthma education and outreach



# The Role of CHAs

- ▶ Assist in completing health screenings (vision, hearing, height/weight, blood pressure)
- ▶ Assist in reviewing and maintaining child and student records (paper and within state systems like ShowMeVax, MOHSAIC, and EMOMED)
- ▶ Prepare state and other contractual reports (e.g., annual immunization compliance for schools and child care providers)
- ▶ Identify available and appropriate community health resources for children, families, schools, and child care providers
- ▶ Follow-up on referrals to different departmental programs and assist families in completing necessary consent and authorization forms
- ▶ Assist in conducting home visits to set up cribs and car seats, assess home environments for asthma triggers, and complete lead testing
- ▶ Schedule and prepare materials for lead testing clinics and submission to the lab
- ▶ Assist in scheduling, planning, and delivering classes and health promotion activities in schools, child cares, and the community
- ▶ Deliver educational materials and cleaning equipment, and promote prevention messages over the phone, face-to-face, and at community health fairs



# CHA Trainings

- ▶ CHA training includes the following:
  - ▶ CPR
  - ▶ Child Abuse Prevention
    - ▶ Mandated reporting
    - ▶ Drug-endangered child
    - ▶ Child and sex trafficking
  - ▶ Disease Outbreak Investigations
  - ▶ Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners
  - ▶ State training - immunizations, obesity, nutrition, physical activity
  - ▶ One-on-one training with Public Health Nursing Supervisor on teaching health education in classroom
  - ▶ Freedom from Smoking Facilitation
  - ▶ Child car seat installation

