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## DID YOU KNOW?

**RI's asthma rates are 40% higher than national averages for children.**

Approximately 24,000 children (10.9%) in RI have asthma. An additional 13,500 (6.2%) have been diagnosed with asthma at some point in their lives.

This means there are over 37,000 children (17.1% of the RI childhood population) who could have an Asthma Action Plan in KIDSNET (read more below).



## TESTIMONIAL

**"Thanks for providing the immunizations through KIDSNET! Having them available to School Nurse Teachers allows us to get students into school or keep them in school! Thanks for helping us, help the students!"**

*Bernadette McDowell MEd, BSN, RN, CSNT*

## NEW ASTHMA PAGE AVAILABLE WITH 2 FEATURES!

### 1) Asthma Action Plans

Asthma Action Plans are an essential tool to help children with asthma and their caregivers understand what medications to take, symptoms to watch for, triggers to avoid, and steps to follow to maintain good control of the condition. Asthma Action Plans are now available on the KIDSNET Asthma page! Healthcare providers should create and update plans for all children with asthma and share them with families and School Nurse Teachers.

All healthcare providers can electronically upload a child's Asthma Action Plan into KIDSNET on the Asthma page, giving the child's School Nurse Teacher the ability to view it. Only the most recently

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uploaded document is viewable. For assistance or training with these new features, please contact your KIDSNET Provider Relations Representative.

## 2) Breathe Easy at Home (BEAH)

Breathe Easy at Home (BEAH) is an initiative of the RIDOH's Asthma Control Program. BEAH should be used if a healthcare provider suspects that substandard housing conditions (code violations) are causing a child's asthma to be poorly controlled. BEAH referrals are sent to municipal housing code inspectors and allow providers to communicate with inspectors about housing conditions. The Asthma Control Program also coordinates additional support services. BEAH is limited to pediatric asthma patients who live in the four core cities of Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Woonsocket. A provider screening tool is available on KIDSNET to determine if this intervention is right for your patient. For details, please see [www.health.ri.gov/projects/breatheseasyathome](http://www.health.ri.gov/projects/breatheseasyathome) or contact [DOH.BEAH@health.ri.gov](mailto:DOH.BEAH@health.ri.gov)

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## DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING REPORT

Primary care providers who submit Developmental Screening data to KIDSNET can now run a KIDSNET Practice Report to determine which patients are currently due for a recommended developmental and/or autism screening. This new report called "Developmental Screening – Due Now Report", is found in the Practice Reporting Menu. Developmental Screening is recommended at 9, 18, and 30 months of age; in this report, children who are 9 – 35 months are assessed for whether they are due for a Developmental Screening. Autism screening is recommended at 18 and 24 months; in this report, children who are 18 – 34 months are assessed for whether they are due for an Autism Screening. The report can be run using either a range of birth dates or ages. The report can be downloaded to an Excel file.

RIDOH offers assistance to primary care providers trying to meet screening recommendations and submitting data to KIDSNET. Through the Screening to Succeed program, primary care providers caring for children up to age three can receive assistance to electronically implement standardized developmental and autism screenings. Benefits to participating in Screening to Succeed include:

- Technical assistance and a one-year user license to implement an electronic system of standardized screening
- Tablets that allow patients' families and clinical staff the ability to access and utilize an electronic screening system in the office
- Staff support to refer and link patients and families to appropriate evidence-based community resources
- Informational kits for families to help them understand developmental milestones and the importance of developmental screening

If you are interested in participating in Screening to Succeed, please contact Emily Eisenstein at [401-222-5924](tel:401-222-5924) or [Emily.Eisenstein@health.ri.gov](mailto:Emily.Eisenstein@health.ri.gov)

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## KIDSNET IMMUNIZATION PAGE: SCHOOL-READY INDICATOR FOR 8TH GRADE

School-ready indicators allow KIDSNET users to quickly check whether a student has met all immunization school entry requirements at various grades. Starting August 1, 2016, individuals entering 8th grade need at least two doses of HPV vaccine in addition to the other adolescent immunizations required prior to 7th grade entry.

On the KIDSNET Immunization page, a green check mark appears if the student has met entry requirements for K, 7th, 8th and 12th grade. A red X will be displayed if the student appears to be missing vaccine(s) required for school entry. By placing your cursor over any red X, a list of required vaccines that are missing will be displayed.



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### IMMUNIZATION CHAMPION THOMAS PULEO, MD.

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities. Each year during National Immunization Week, an Immunization Champion is recognized from among hundreds who work diligently in preventing disease at the community level. This year, we proudly recognize **Thomas Puleo, MD**. Dr. Puleo's commitment to effective, open communication results in his patients' immunization rates being among the highest for any practice in Rhode Island. For his patient-centered, culturally appropriate approach to vaccinating children, Dr. Puleo is Rhode Island's 2016 CDC Childhood Immunization Champion.