

# Childhood Asthma Initiative

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## OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Childhood Asthma Initiative is to decrease asthma morbidity in underserved populations in Chicago. The program is focused on Altgeld Gardens and Little Village/Back of the Yards/Pilsen. The program is currently expanding to Roseland and Robbins (southern suburb). The mission of the program is to increase coordinated care, access to care, and to help build sustainable infrastructure in those communities.

The Childhood Asthma Initiative is overseen by the University of Illinois at Chicago and subcontracted to a Mobile C.A.R.E. unit and Esperanza Health Center.

## WHO IS SERVED?

### *Population(s)/Age Group:*

- The program targets underserved children at-risk for asthma and their families in specific communities within Illinois.

### *Eligibility Criteria and Screening Tools:*

In the targeted communities, Mobile C.A.R.E. works with local schools. Schools use a modified BPAS – asthma screening tool to determine if children have asthma in the target communities. Children are also identified as having asthma by providers in clinics.

## HOW ARE SERVICES DELIVERED?

### *Local Service System*

Services are accessed through local community partners which are Esperanza Health Center and the Mobile C.A.R.E. unit.

### *Referrals into Program*

Referral into the program varies. For the education awareness component of the program, those services are available throughout the city of Chicago upon request. Children and their families are also referred through the local clinics.

### *Data Systems Used*

Esperanza Health Center uses **NextGen** and Mobile C.A.R.E. uses **ezEMRx**.

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