



Communities, Health, and the Environment:

A CARE Perspective

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Different Points of View = Different Landscapes



What is Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE)?

- Cooperative agreement, competitive award
- Officially started in 2005
- Supports communities in:
 - Identifying toxic risks
 - Prioritizing risks
 - Implementing projects to reduce risk





CARE

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.



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Grace Hill- 2005 CARE grantee

- St. Louis non-profit
- Building on past CAP work, SLACO partnership.
- Several projects, today discussing School bus anti-idling campaign



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Grace Hill's Anti Idling Work



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The Process



Community observations

→ Health statistics, Health effects information

→ **Potential Source**

→ **Local Partners** → **Local Information**

Grace Hill's Anti Idling Work



- Partners:

- St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO)
- Laidlaw Bus Company / First Student
- Mayor Slay
- St. Louis Public Schools & School Board
- St. Louis Streets Department
- Principals, parents, students

- EPA
- City Air Pollution Control
- Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources
- Missouri Asthma Consortium

Thanks to Partnerships & Hard Work:

- Mayor's Proclamation -
"Clean School Bus Awareness Day"
- School Board Resolution -
"St. Louis Public Schools is an Idle-Free District"
- Bus driver trainings –
Over 600 trained, took "No Idling" pledges
Nationwide Laidlaw initiative



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No Idling Poster Contest!



Installing No Idling Zones at All 88 St. Louis Public Schools



Conclusions



- Work on anti-idling a success!
 - Basic general information combined with
Specific local information
 - Partners
 - Vision and Persistence
- Other areas more challenging due to lack of information
 - Tracking down area sources
 - Emissions modeling

Conclusions:



Creating Synthesis through Partnerships

but...

** Lack of formally collected data still presents additional challenges.**

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