

2015 CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award Winner

Cassandra Cote Grantham, MA



The Maine Immunization Program is proud to announce that Cassandra Cote Grantham has been selected as the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Childhood Immunization Champion* for Maine. The CDC Foundation and CDC hold this annual awards program to honor immunization champions across the 50 U.S. states, 8 U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States, and the District of Columbia during National Infant Immunization Week (April 18–25, 2015).

Cassandra was nominated and selected from a pool of health care professionals, community advocates, and other immunization leaders for making a significant contribution to public health in Maine through her work in the children's immunization.

Young children rely on the champions in their lives to keep them safe and healthy. Champions may be doctors and nurses who share scientifically accurate, up-to-date information about vaccines with parents. They may be advocates who go the extra mile to ensure that all children in their communities have access to vaccines. They may be public health professionals who work behind the scenes tracking immunization data, coordinating vaccine logistics, or developing public awareness campaigns. They may be parents who share their positive personal stories about vaccination with their communities. When families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials work together, all children can be protected from serious and deadly, vaccine-preventable diseases. Cassandra is an inspiration to all of us who care about children's health in Maine. We are pleased and honored to congratulate Cassandra on this well-deserved award.

To read Cassandra's profile on the CDC's website, and to learn more about CDC's *Childhood Immunization Champion Award* program, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/champions>