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## **EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WEST REGION HEAD START PROGRAMS!**

The Office of Head Start notified Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) – Head Start of an exciting grant award in 2008! Partnering with UCLA Anderson, through the UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Institute (HCI), CMCA has been working with UCLA to extend the HCI's existing successful model of providing health literacy training to Head Start families both in Missouri and nationwide.\*

Since 2002, HCI has shown that by educating and empowering Head Start parents to properly manage the healthcare needs of their children, our nation's overburdened healthcare system has seen a reduction in doctor/clinic (41% decrease) and ER visits (58% decrease). In addition, a decrease in school days and work days missed, 29% and 42% respectively, has been seen in the work of the Institute.

Now YOUR Head Start program can be a part of the ***I CAN... Help My Child Stay Healthy (I CAN)*** program! CMCA has been funded to bring the Health Care Institute to programs across the country. The "I CAN" grantees will be eligible to receive **training assistance** and some **financial support** in order to implement the Health Care Institute within their programs. This is GREAT opportunity for all Head Start grantees.

For more information call Trisha Wright at (573)443-8706 (x292).

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