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National Asthma Public Policy Agenda

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Background on National Asthma Public Policy Agenda

Development of the Agenda

Began in 2009 Objectives:

Compile an evidence-based agenda of public policy approaches that will reduce asthma morbidity and mortality Engage a broad range of stakeholders nationwide to advocate for policy change

Available via www.lung.org/asthma

Becoming an Advocate



- National Asthma Public Policy Agenda
- Guide to Asthma Policy for Housing and Schools
- Federal
- State and Community
- Take Action
- Defend the Clean Air Act

Results

19 policy recommendations in 6 arenas:

- Public HealthInfrastructureand
- Surveillance
- Outdoor Air
- Health Care
- Systems and
- Financing

Overview of Home and School Recommendations

Schools



Recommendations include:

- Implementing comprehensive asthmamanagement plans
 - School personnel, nurses, parents and providers, among others, can work together
- Adopting environmental management plans
 - Children should be protected from both indoor and outdoor pollution

Homes

Recommendations include:

- Use housing and building codes to protect indoor air
- Strengthen housing code enforcement
 - ➤ Ensure capacity of health departments and housing inspection agencies
- Public housing and multiunit housing should be smokefree



Current School-Based Initiatives

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- Asthma is a serious chronic illness affections nearly 7 million child
- It's a leading cause c school absenteeism
- Asthma emergencies can be sudden and unpredictable
- Barriers to access to quick relief medication is potentially life-threatening



Quick-Relief Medicine – Short-

Relax the muscles

around the airways

- Delivered by a metered-dose inhaler or nebulized
- Short-Acting bronchodilators work fast after you take them so that you feel relief from symptoms quickly

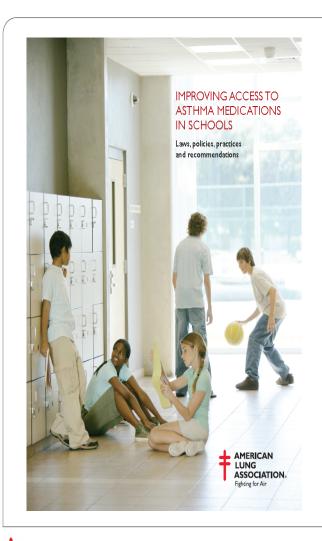


Learn More about Bronchodilators at:
<u>Lung.org/asthmameds</u>

Defining "Optimal Access"

- Every child that is developmentally and physically capable of self-monitoring and administration of medication is allowed to do so
- Students are empowered to manage their own disease
- Families, providers and school health staff are in communication about the student's asthma and medication use

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