



Subcommittees at a Glance

Community Outreach and Education

This committee identifies needs and resources; develops strategies to address needs of people with asthma, including public awareness and information campaigns; holds training seminars for physicians, nurses and day care workers; and educates parents to understand their child's disease.

Schools & Pediatrics

This committee identifies asthma-related needs for children in all environments including schools, day care centers, head start programs and preschool centers; it focuses on assessing quality of care, staff education and identifying ways to promote appropriate asthma care and management, including the proper use of medication.

Environmental Action

This committee promotes clean indoor air, bans toxic materials in schools, establishes indoor air guidelines for schools, locates funding to have schools tested for clean indoor air, establishes health home standards and works with the building industry to promote those standards.

Clinical Asthma Management

This committee supports the use of the most current version of the National Health Institute's ***Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Asthma*** and promotes these "best practices" to providers and health care professionals throughout the state; promotes quality assurance in hospitals and provider offices; establishes a team approach to treating asthma; seeks policy changes to allow reimbursement for patient education; and develop guidelines for screening.

If you are interested in joining the West Virginia Asthma Coalition (WVAC) and one of the subcommittees committed to improving asthma care in West Virginia, please complete a membership profile form listed on our website: www.wvasthma.org, or contact the WVAC Manager, Lindsay Elkins, by calling 304-342-6600.