

# West Virginia Asthma Coalition

## Subcommittees

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### 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 and 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 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.

### Data Sharing

This committee collects and presents data about asthma to targeted individuals that will help providers, health care professionals, administrators, and legislators understand the magnitude of asthma and its ramifications.

### Clinical Asthma Management

This committee supports the use of the National health Institute's guidelines for treatment and management 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.