

Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles County (ACLAC)

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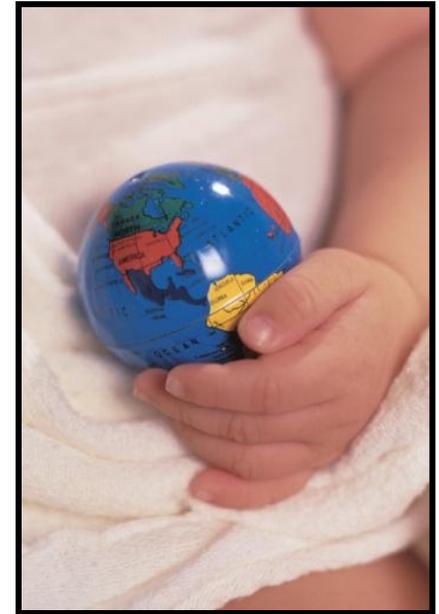
About ACLAC

- A collective, powerful voice for policy and systems change to prevent, minimize and manage the burden of asthma

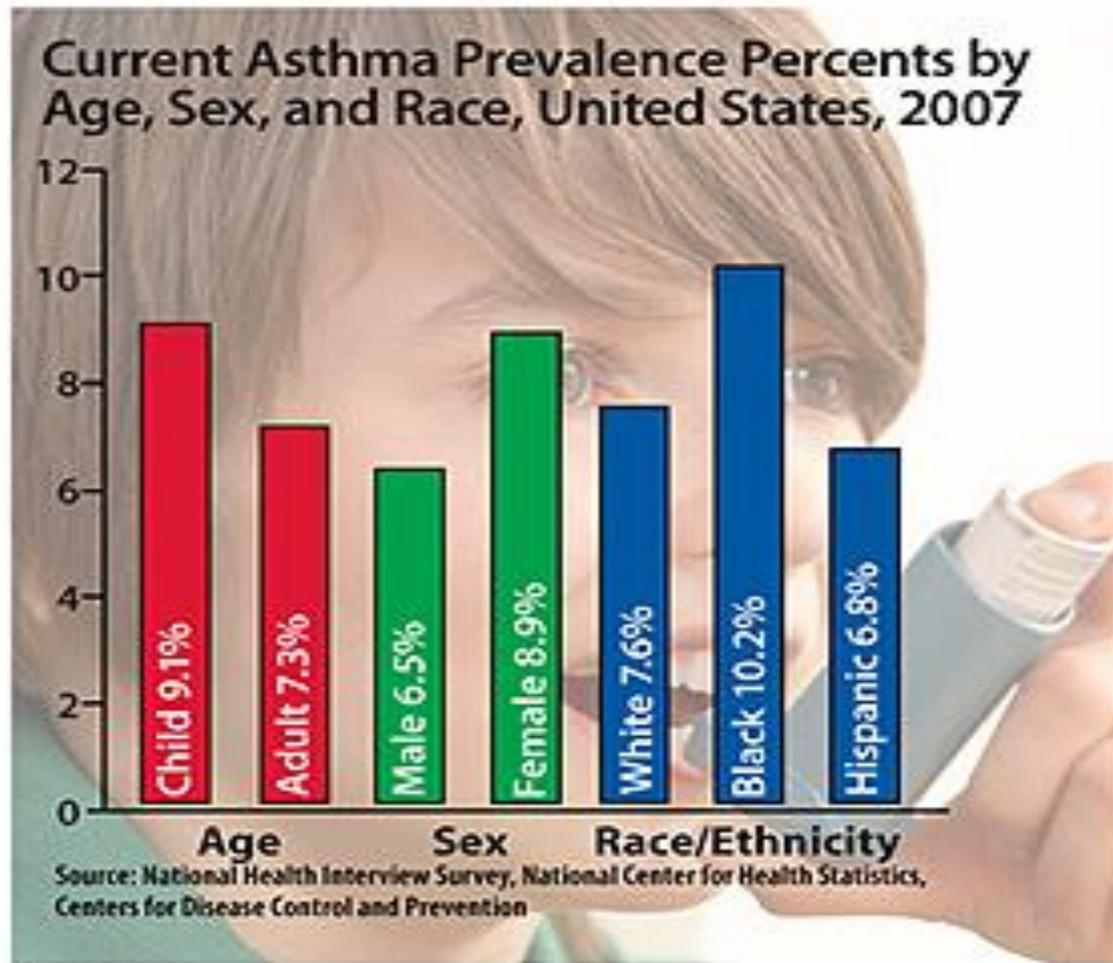


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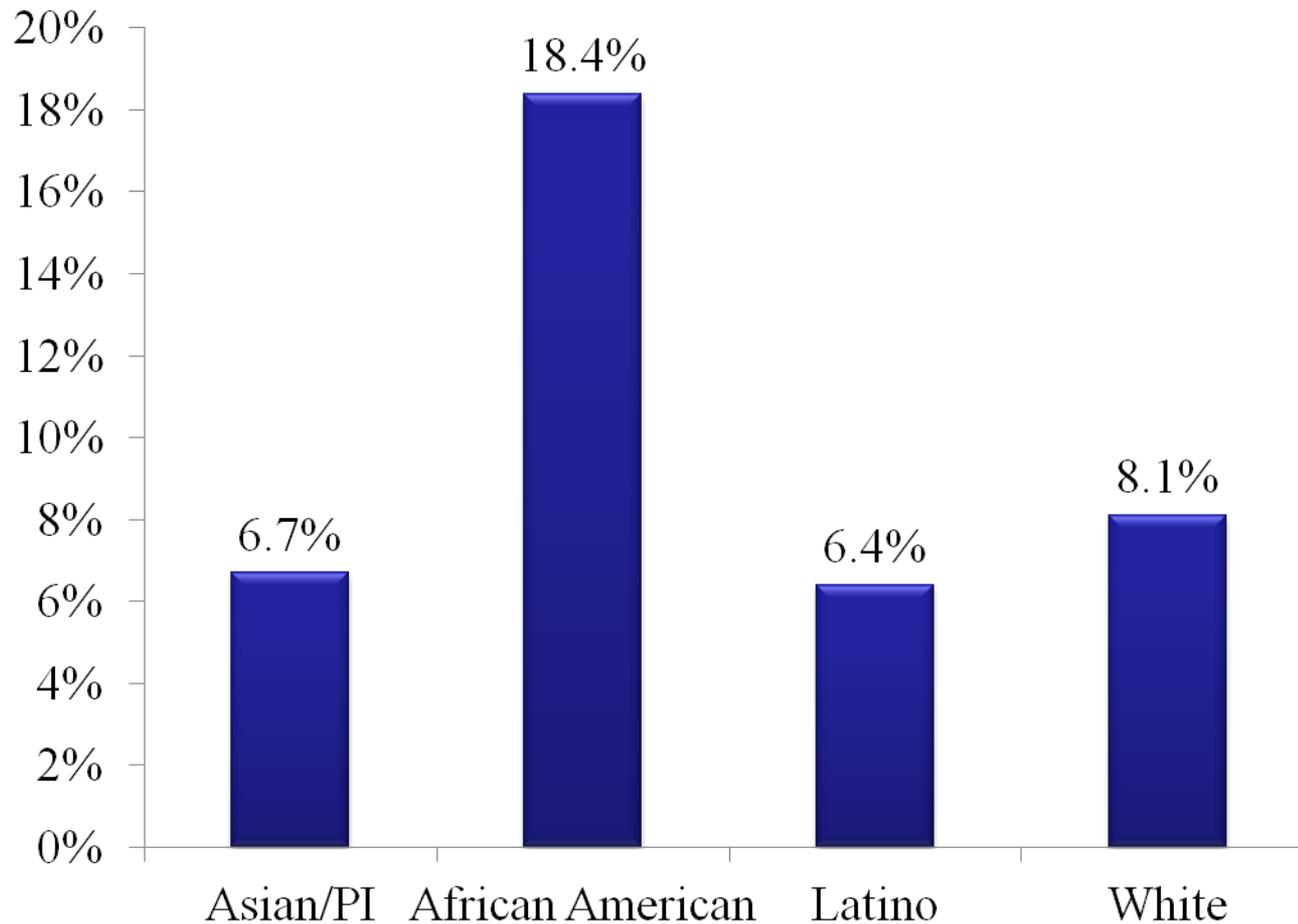
- Broad-based Coalition of experts and advocates from:
 - Community Based Organizations
 - Advocacy Groups
 - Universities
 - Government Entities
 - School Districts
 - Environmental Groups
 - Health Plans
 - Hospitals and Clinics



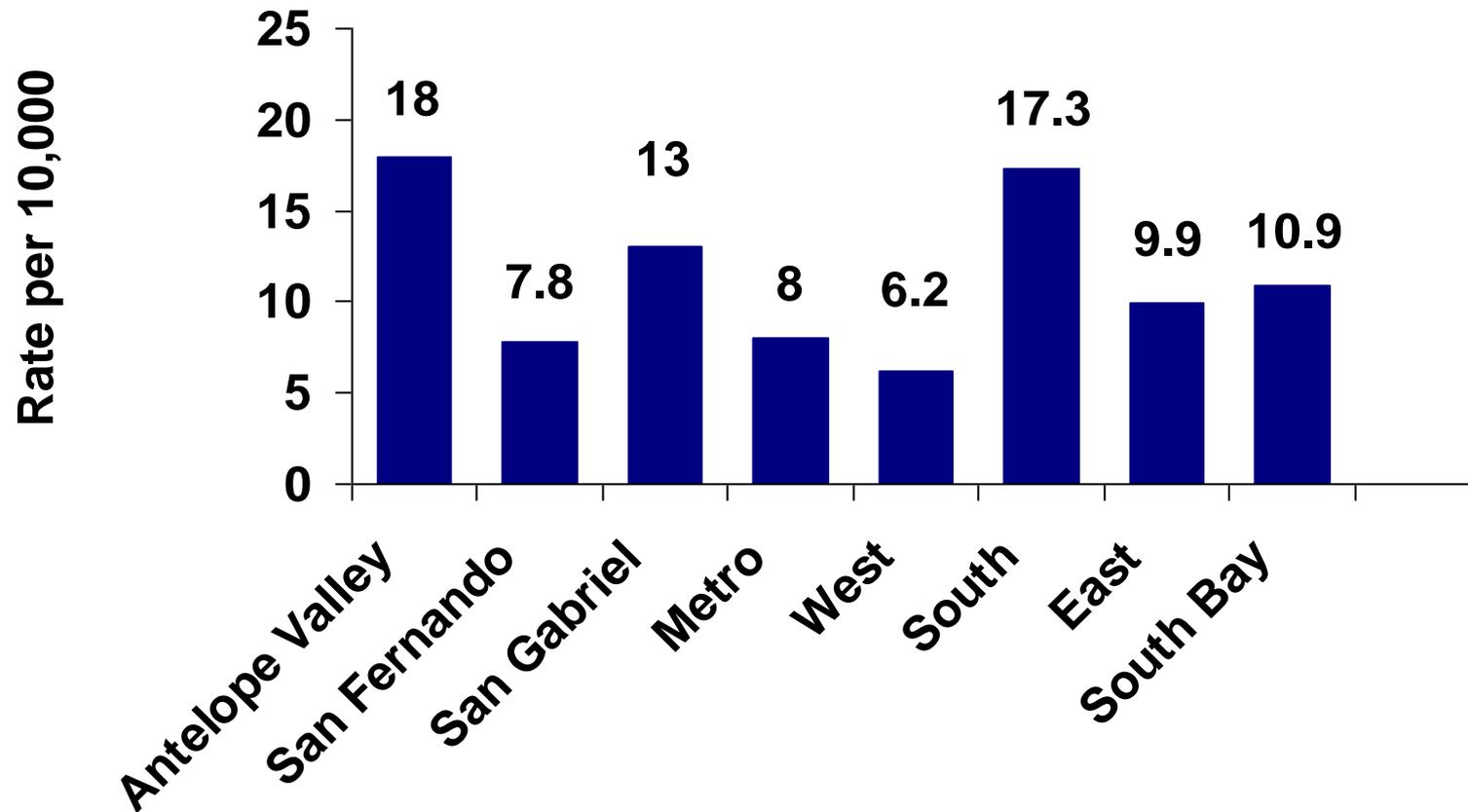
Asthma Prevalence – United States



Asthma by Race/Ethnicity in LA County Children, 2007



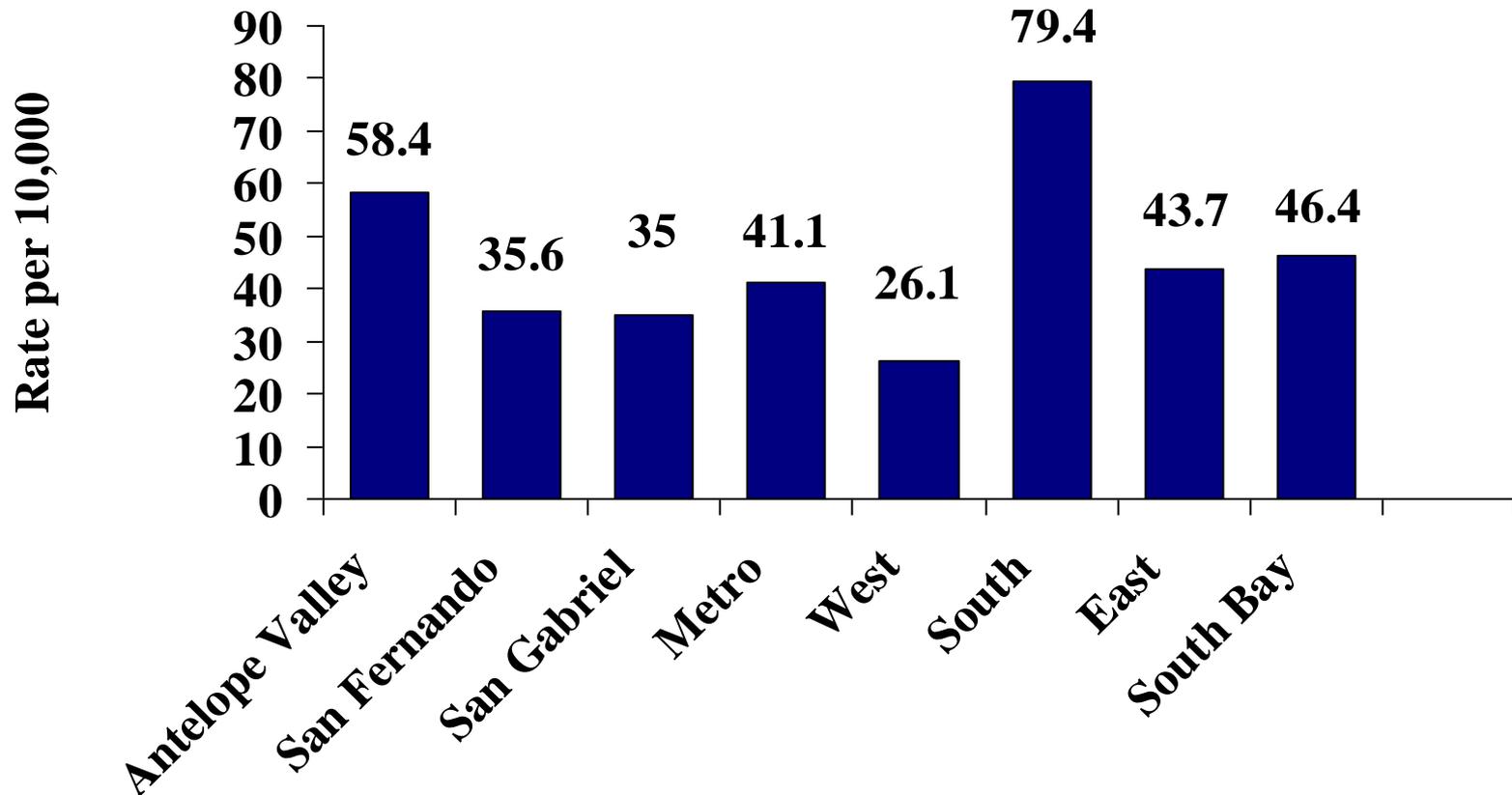
Asthma Hospitalizations by LA County SPA*, 2006-2008 Aggregated, Age group 0-17



* Data provided by California Breathing, California Dept. of Public Health



Asthma ED Visits by LA County SPA*, 2006-2008 Aggregated



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Asthma Related Fast Facts

Prevalence of childhood asthma in LA County is approximately 9%.

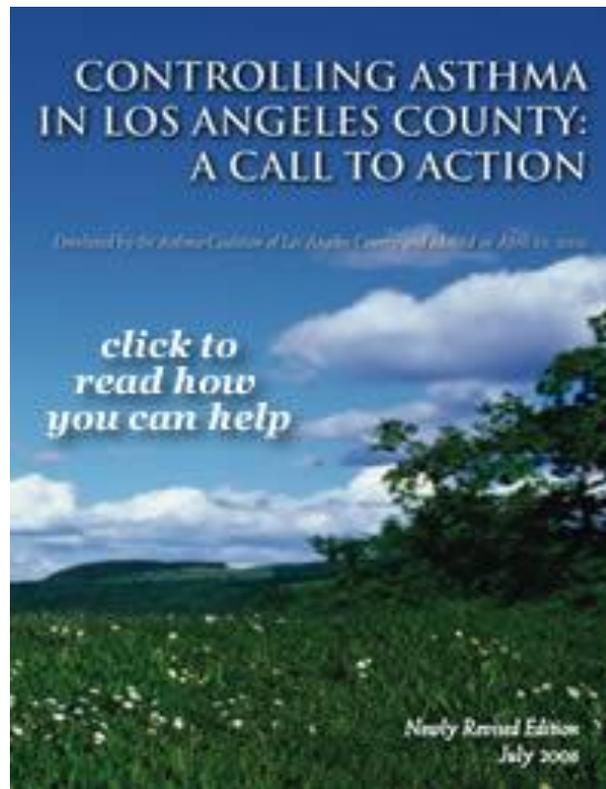
Research indicates 14% of school children in Los Angeles have asthma.

California- highest levels of air pollution nationwide

Los Angeles Metropolitan region- worst air in the state

Children living within 250 ft. of major roads had 50% higher risk of having asthma symptoms in the past year.

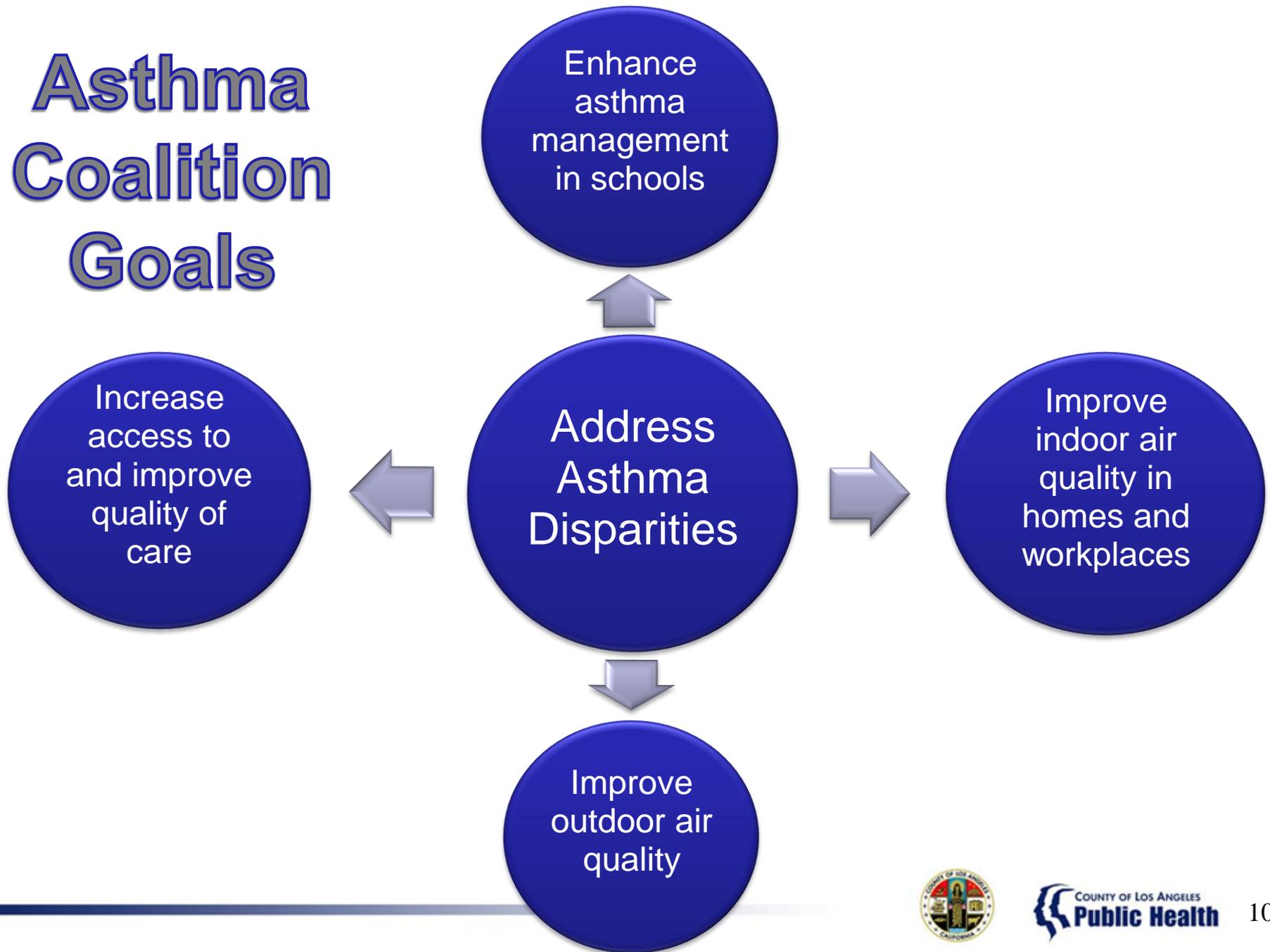




Created in 2006, The *Controlling Asthma in Los Angeles County: Call To Action* guides the efforts of the Coalition



Asthma Coalition Goals



Strategic Planning Process

**Began process
late 2008**

**Conducted a
Coalition Self-
Assessment to
gauge current
level of
functioning**

**Utilized results
to inform and
guide the
strategic
planning
process**

**Strategic Plan is
now completed
in draft form**



ACLAC Strategic Plan

Self-Assessment results indicated 100% of respondents wanted to focus on policy

Addressing race/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities is the overarching goal

Reinstated 4 Workgroups to carry out the mission and goals

Creation of a sustainability plan



Four ACLAC Workgroups



Clinical
Workgroup



Asthma
Friendly
Schools
Workgroup



Outdoor Air
Workgroup



Indoor
Environment
Workgroup



Clinical and School Workgroups



Clinical Workgroup

Expand the breath mobile program (mobile asthma clinic) to have five units to go around on a six-week circuit



Asthma Friendly Schools Workgroup

Adopt a universal Asthma Action Plan (AAP) in schools and increase the use of AAPs for students diagnosed with asthma



Outdoor Air and Indoor Environment Workgroups



Outdoor Air Workgroup

Identify and support outdoor air policies by writing letters of support, testifying at hearings and educating the public to reduce outdoor pollution asthma triggers



Indoor Environment Workgroup

At least 3 local municipalities will adopt new policies promoting asthma-safe housing that minimize indoor environmental risk factors contributing to asthma





Recent Accomplishments

- Hosted the Inaugural Asthma Coalition Wine Tasting Fundraiser – Raised \$9,000
- Improved access to asthma resources and data by developing a website www.asthmacoalitionla.org
- Partnered with key state agencies to develop a comprehensive strategic plan





Recent Policy Projects

ACLAC has supported and influenced the following initiatives:

- provided testimony during the EPA’s hearings to strengthen national ambient air quality standards for ground-level ozone.
- provided a letter of support and gave testimony at the Los Angeles City Council meeting in support of the city’s smoke-free outdoor dining ordinance.
- supported the City of Long Beach in establishing smoke-free parks





Recent Policy Projects

- promoted SB 220 (Yee) which would provide smoking cessation benefits through health care providers
- supported SB 375 (Steinberg) which became law in January 2009. It prompts California regions to work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks





Recent Policy Projects

- A letter of support submitted for SB 1433 (Leno) to link the ceilings for air pollution penalties to inflation, ultimately giving AQMD the necessary tools to enforce existing air quality laws and permits.
- A letter of support for AB 828 (Cohn), requiring agencies developing green building standards to include various state agencies (included CARB, Public Health, and Toxic Substances) and other partners (environmental groups) into the standard making process, ensuring that indoor air quality is considered in the development of new buildings.



Asthma Coalition Meetings

- Meet Quarterly – January, April, July and October
- Next Meeting is Monday, October 25th 1-3:30pm
- WE PROVIDE LUNCH 😊
- 600 S. Commonwealth Ave. 9th floor, LA 90005
- Meeting will focus on “Healthy Homes” efforts





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