

CHILDHOOD ASTHMA STATISTICS IN GEORGIA

- 10% of children younger than 17 years old have asthma.
- 15% of middle school students have asthma.
- 16% of high school students have asthma.
- 45% of children with asthma aged 5 -17 missed 470,000 school days due to their condition.
- 30% of children with asthma do not have regular asthma check-ups.
- 65% of children do not have a written action plan to manage their asthma.



The Foundation's mission is to advance the health of all Georgians and to expand access to affordable, quality healthcare for underserved individuals and communities.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GCAMP is a multi-year funding effort by the Foundation to establish and support coordinated, comprehensive evidence-based programs that foster linkages among those responsible for children's asthma care (medical providers, schools, community organizations, and families).

PROGRAM GOALS

- Improve asthma self-management among children.
- Improve access and quality of health services for children with asthma.
- Increase asthma awareness and knowledge among children with asthma, their parents/caregivers, and the general public.
- Support new or existing community partnerships and/or coalitions which implement and sustain comprehensive, integrated, and community-wide strategies.
- Reduce the prevalence of environmental triggers associated with the effective management of asthma.
- Reduce disparities in childhood asthma outcomes.



ABOUT HEALTHCARE GEORGIA FOUNDATION

Healthcare Georgia Foundation is a statewide, private foundation located in Atlanta, Georgia and established in 1999.

Healthcare Georgia Foundation established three funding priorities reflecting prevalent health problems, the disproportionate burden of morbidity, mortality and disability among underserved populations, and statewide public input on perceived opportunities to advance the health of all Georgians. These funding priorities include: Addressing Health Disparities, Expanding Access to Primary Healthcare, and Strengthening Nonprofit Health Organizations.

In 2009, Healthcare Georgia Foundation launched the Georgia Childhood Asthma Management Program (GCAMP) to support programs that improve health outcomes for children and adolescents with asthma. Childhood asthma is a significant public health problem both nationally and in Georgia. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, from 1980 to 1996, asthma prevalence among children increased by an average of 4.3% per year. Asthma is the 3rd ranking cause of hospitalization among children 15 years and younger and is one of the most common health-related causes of school absenteeism and parents/caregivers missing days of work.



Georgia Childhood Asthma Management Program (GCAMP)

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2009 GCAMP Grantees

In 2009, the Foundation awarded GCAMP grants to the following organizations who serve high-risk, underserved populations throughout Georgia.

CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA

Create a Comprehensive Asthma Management Program to provide an integrated approach to managing childhood asthma for children in metropolitan Atlanta.

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, INC.

To improve asthma management among children and adolescents by implementing the Learning, Chronic Care, and Performance Improvement Models in three of Georgia's federally qualified health centers in Albany, Atlanta, and Savannah.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Partner with Southside Medical Center to expand an existing program in the Neighborhood Planning Unit V community, with a specific focus on asthma management, training, and health care navigation for children and their parents/caregivers.

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Continue an existing childhood asthma program in Lowndes County through Children's Medical Services and to expand into three neighboring counties (Brooks, Cook, and Tift).

ST. GALILEE OUTREACH MINISTRY, INC.

Implement the Central Georgia Asthma Education Initiative, a community health education program targeting six counties in the North Central Health District.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY – Evaluation

The Georgia Southern University Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health will conduct a cross-site and site specific evaluation of the Georgia Childhood Asthma Management Program.

ASTHMA INFORMATION RESOURCES

American Academy of Pediatrics (search for “asthma”):
www.aap.org

American Lung Association: www.lungusa.org

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America:
www.aafa.org

Asthma and Allergy Network/Mothers of Asthmatics,
Inc.: www.aanma.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention –
Asthma’s Impact on Children and Adolescents:
<http://www.cdc.gov/asthma/children.htm>

Georgia Department of Human Resources –
Asthma Surveillance:
<http://health.state.ga.us/epi/cdiee/asthma.asp>

Healthy People 2010 – Asthma:
[www.healthypeople.gov/Document/HTML/
Volume2/24Respiratory.htm#_Toc489704825](http://www.healthypeople.gov/Document/HTML/Volume2/24Respiratory.htm#_Toc489704825)

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute -
National Asthma Education and Prevention Program:
www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/naepp/index.htm

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:
www.epa.gov/asthma

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