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REGIONAL ASTHMA
MANAGEMENT & PREVENTION



Technical Assistance

The mission of Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP) is to reduce the burden of asthma with a focus on health equity. Based at the Public Health Institute in Oakland, CA, RAMP emphasizes both prevention and management to build capacity, create linkages, and mobilize networks to advocate for policy and systems changes targeting the root causes of asthma disparities.

Combining over two decades of experience, strong relationships with diverse stakeholders, and deep knowledge of asthma best practices and the Medi-Cal landscape, Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP) is the leading asthma technical assistance provider in California.

RAMP provides TA on program design, data collection, workforce development, cultural humility, partnership development, and best practices for environmental asthma trigger remediation. We provide direct, flexible, responsive TA to existing asthma home visiting programs as well as organizations just beginning work on Asthma Remediation. We also respond to common needs through capacity-building workshops, facilitated peer learning discussions, and tool development.

RAMP leads numerous networks for peer learning and collective action, including the Asthma Mitigation Project, the Community Action to Fight Asthma Network, the California Asthma Financing Workgroup, the California Healthy Housing Coalition, and a network of asthma-focused Community Health Workers/promotoras.

Through the Asthma Mitigation Project, RAMP has worked directly with different types of organizations, including community-based organizations, local health departments and clinics, all serving diverse populations. RAMP has provided one-on-one technical assistance, planned large convenings, organized trainings, and made connections to additional resources. These organizations have varying levels of experience providing asthma home visits and RAMP has been able to help some strengthen the impact of their work, and help others develop a program from the ground up. One organization noted that RAMP “provided the best technical assistance I have ever received...” Additionally, the Asthma Mitigation Project Year Two Evaluation Report notes the importance of the work RAMP has provided and additional praise from the organizations served.

RAMP successfully advocated for the inclusion of Asthma Remediation in the Community Supports program and worked with DHCS on its design. Additionally, RAMP serves as the TA provider for the Asthma Mitigation Project, which DHCS funded and used as a model for Asthma Remediation. We are excited to continue and expand our TA role through the Marketplace, both to existing asthma home visiting programs and those that are new to the field.

--Madeline Sabatoni, Senior Program Officer,
Sierra Health Foundation

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RAMP also provides TA on the new Medi-Cal Asthma Preventive Services benefit, which allows reimbursement to non-licensed professionals like CHWs for asthma self-management education and in-home environmental asthma trigger assessments. Combined with Asthma Remediation, these policies support comprehensive, sustainable asthma home visiting services.



“ RAMP has been an invaluable resource for our new Asthma Home Visiting Program. Partnering with RAMP has allowed us to focus on delivering effective services without having to completely invent a new program. The RAMP team are knowledgeable about best practices, resources, and policy and made themselves available for any questions or concerns along the way. RAMP is consistently responsive to our questions and needs and made sure that we knew that no question was too big or too small. Our program would not have been as successful without their support

--Robin Baker, McKinleyville Family Resource Center

Given that peer learning strengthens individual programs and increases our collective impact, RAMP also offers the opportunity for programs to engage in peer learning, such as through our Asthma Remediation Learning Collaborative. With over 25 organizations participating, RAMP facilitates meetings to discuss updates, successes, and challenges in Asthma Remediation implementation. We also provide peer learning and continuing education meetings for asthma home visitors.

RAMP's leadership has nearly forty years of combined experience providing high-quality, responsive TA to diverse asthma stakeholders across California. Anne Kelsey Lamb, Director, and Joel Ervice, Associate Director, have the subject matter expertise, institutional knowledge, trust-based relationships, and hands-on experience that ensure effective TA for a wide range of organizations. They also bring in external partners, like the National Center for Healthy Housing, to provide additional expertise when needed.