

Mobilizing networks to strengthen asthma management and prevention in California



RAMP's mission is to reduce the burden of asthma with a focus on health equity. Emphasizing both prevention and management, we build capacity, create linkages, and mobilize networks to advocate for policy and systems changes targeting the root causes of asthma disparities.

RAMP creates linkages among partners for peer learning, collaboration, and network-building. RAMP also creates connections across issues and sectors to reduce silos and advance comprehensive policy and systems change. RAMP leads the following networks:

Community Action to Fight Asthma (CAFA) Network

Launched in 2002, CAFA is a network of asthma stakeholders across California focused on peer learning and collective action on a comprehensive range of both clinical and environmental policy priorities. The CAFA Network has monthly virtual meetings focused on peer learning, expert presentations, and/or the identification of state policy goals. We also provide bi-annual CAFA Summits and opportunities to educate or advocate with California legislative staff.

Participation is open to any individual or organization working to reduce the burden of asthma in California. This may include advocates, Community Health Workers, clinicians, health educators, or anyone working on asthma in a health department, health plan, hospital, clinic, environmental health or justice organization, social justice organization, healthy housing organization.

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RAMP Community Health Worker (CHW) Network

For over two decades, RAMP has hosted capacity-building workshops for CHWs, *promotoras*, or other asthma educators. Participants identify meeting topics and RAMP staff find experts for presentations and discussion. RAMP hosts 8-10 virtual CHW meetings per year.

Participation is open to any individual providing asthma education in California's diverse communities, including Community Health Workers, *promotoras*, health educators, case managers, social workers, respiratory therapists, nurses, and others.

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“RAMP’s leadership of diverse, statewide workgroups enable us to learn and share best practices and to shape collective advocacy strategies to support and improve everyone’s work.”

-Tina Christopulos, MPH, St. John's Community Health

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California Healthy Housing Coalition (CHHC)

Formed in 2010, the California Healthy Housing Coalition is a diverse, multi-sector coalition committed to advancing policies and practices that improve unhealthy housing conditions and serving as a statewide advocate for healthy housing. CHHC grew out of a recognition that local healthy housing challenges are shared across the state and could benefit from broad collaboration. Members work together through three workgroups to advance strategies for improving healthy housing in California.

Since its formation, CHHC has grown to over 110 members representing a wide range of healthy housing stakeholders across California. Participants include housing rights and social justice organizations; public health advocates; local, state, and federal agencies; and other experts on housing, indoor air quality, and health.

To learn more, visit <http://cahealthyhousing.org/> or contact Brandon Kitagawa at brandon@rampasthma.org.

California Asthma Financing (CAF) Workgroup

California Asthma Financing is a network of diverse stakeholders committed to improving the financial sustainability for asthma education and in-home environmental trigger reduction. Started in the Fall of 2015, CAF members share resources and information, network, and strategize about policy changes to increase access to asthma home visiting services.

Members include local asthma programs, public health departments, managed care organizations, representatives from federal agencies, housing and healthcare advocates, and others.

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