2022 Award Winner Webinar: Innovative Strategies & Partnerships to Improve Asthma Outcomes Through a Comprehensive Approach
Learning Objectives

Winners will share—

• Expanded the reach, effectiveness and sustainability of comprehensive asthma control services in Utah.

• Developed partnerships and a screening protocol to address high-risk clients’ social, mental, physical and emotional needs to help control their asthma.

• Established a home-visiting program shown to improve asthma outcomes, including a 75 percent reduction in asthma-related emergency department visits.

• Worked with payers to seek sustainable financing for the Utah Asthma Home Visiting Program, which included conducting a return-on-investment analysis that secured additional funding to expand the program to Medicaid members in rural fee-for-service areas.
Featured Speakers

Nichole Shepard, M.P.H., EP-C, Asthma & Healthy Aging Program Manager, Utah Department of Health

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Asthma is a Public Health Challenge Characterized by Disparities

MORE THAN 5.5 MILLION children ages 0 to 17 in the United States have asthma.¹

That’s 1 in 13 children.⁴

14.2% of black, non-Hispanic children have asthma COMPARED TO 7.5% of white, non-Hispanic children.¹

Black children have higher rates of emergency department visits and mortality.²,³

CHILDHOOD ASTHMA in the UNITED STATES An Important Public Health Challenge

Poor and minority children are disproportionately affected.⁵

POVERTY LEVEL

10.2% of children living in poverty suffer from asthma.⁶
Environment Plays a Critical Role in Asthma Control

• Federal asthma guidelines recognize environmental trigger reduction as a critical component of comprehensive asthma care.*

• The evidence base demonstrates that in-home environmental interventions are effective at improving asthma control in children and adolescents.†

EPA is a federal lead for the integration of environmental risk reduction into standards of care.

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Supporting In-Home Interventions to Bring Asthma Under Control

- Host Learning Spaces
- Recognize and Leverage Excellence
- Provide Technical Assistance
- Advance Policy
- Synthesize and Spread Learning
The System for Delivering High-Quality Asthma Care
About the Award
National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management

Nation’s highest honor for exceptional asthma management programs

- **Goal:** The award program showcases and spreads best practices in comprehensive asthma care and management.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must follow national guidelines (NIH) and address published criteria for achieving improved health outcomes and program sustainability, especially for environmental justice communities.

- **Review:** Applications undergo a two-tiered review process, which includes reviewers from other federal agencies and national nongovernmental organization (NGOs).
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National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management

The application focuses on three areas:

1. Comprehensive Asthma Management
   a. Management and Operations
   b. Integrated Health Care Services
   c. Tailored Environmental Services

2. Getting Results: Evaluation

3. Sustainability
Award Winners Hall of Fame

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Awards Hall of Fame

Since 2005, 51 asthma programs have been inducted into the Awards Hall of Fame.