



Arizona Asthma Coalition



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Join AAC this Year! **Arizona Asthma Coalition Membership**

Did you know that asthma is a major chronic disease, affecting the lives of more than 615,000 Arizonans and that almost 100 Arizona residents die every year due to asthma? More than 32,000 Arizonans are admitted to Emergency Rooms each year and public funds cover the majority of the costs. With appropriate outpatient care following national guidelines, quality of life of those with asthma improve, visits to the ER are reduced and deaths are preventable. **More than ever before we need your support.**



Join us for only \$50/year for individuals, \$75/year for family, and \$120/year for an organization (three individual members included) and help us improve the health and quality of life for all persons in Arizona living with Asthma.

Your membership dues help us to:

- Continue our [policy and advocacy efforts](#) for cleaner air and better access to healthcare for those living with asthma in Arizona;
- Support the implementation of the [school inhaler program](#);
- Provide resources to [school nurses & education professionals](#);
- Provide resources to [patients & caregivers](#); and
- Deliver the Annual Asthma & Allergy Conference with CEU/CE's available

13th Annual Asthma & Allergy Clinical Conference

Wheezing & Sneezing in the Desert - the annual Asthma and Allergy conference will take place in October 2019. We are looking for more committee members to join in the planning of this informative, educational conference. If you are interested, please contact Laura Taylor at azasthmacoalition@gmail.com or call 480-289-5761.

News & Resources

FDA's New Plan to Combat Tobacco's Public Health Toll

Despite significant progress since the landmark 1964 Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health, cigarette smoking remains the number one cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, killing 480,000 Americans each year. About 87% of deaths resulting from lung cancer and 32% of deaths resulting from coronary heart disease in this country have been attributed to cigarette smoking. **Read more for an article by the FDA on how that organization plans to combat the public health toll of tobacco.**



[Read more](#)

Webinar: EPA Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools

The EPA invites you to view an on-demand webinar -- *All In for Indoor Air Quality Preventive Maintenance: Key Strategies for Training Staff and Communicating Success*. Learn to:

- Train staff to integrate preventive maintenance and IAQ management strategies to save money and protect health.
- Build a committed and capable team positioned for success.
- Ensure your school's IAQ preventive maintenance program runs efficiently.

- Communicate effectively to raise awareness of the importance of IAQ preventive maintenance and increase buy-in and support.
- Replicate the best practices of school district mentors to implement communications and team training strategies as part of a sustainable IAQ preventive maintenance program.

[Watch it here](#)



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Updates

Available Asthma Educator Resources

Exam Materials

Resources at the National Asthma Educators Certification Board (NAECB) for **taking the self assessment exam** are located [here](#).

Scholarships

NAECB & Association of Asthma Educators (AAE) **scholarships to help cover the cost of the examination** are located [here](#). If you need any additional assistance, please contact the NAECB at 877-408-0072.