

How We Will Sustain North Carolina's Asthma Initiatives

The North Carolina Asthma Plan was written as, and is intended to be, a living, working document.

The Asthma Alliance of North Carolina (AANC) meets quarterly to address the need for and effectiveness of asthma initiatives across our state. This statewide coalition represents individuals and organizations committed to reducing the burden of asthma in North Carolina. New members are continuously being recruited and are encouraged to become involved with this mutually beneficial opportunity. At least one AANC meeting yearly will be devoted to the review and evaluation of progress toward meeting the goals and objectives of the state plan. The plan will be updated and re-released every three to five years.

North Carolina's recent efforts to build and strengthen local asthma coalitions across our state reinforce our commitment to partnerships and collaboration. Nearly half of North Carolina counties have formed, or are in the process of forming, local asthma coalitions or workgroups. With the support of the state asthma program, many of these groups are developing their own strategic plans for addressing asthma in their respective communities.

Finally, the North Carolina Asthma Program is absolutely committed to sustaining the efforts put into the development of this plan. The program, which was under-staffed and in the developmental stages until 2005, now has a firmly established infrastructure capable of providing top-level leadership on all concepts set forth in the plan.

North Carolina is very fortunate to have a wealth of asthma human resources available. Each of the goals and objectives included in this plan was collaboratively set, and North Carolina has every reason to anticipate that each of the goals and objectives in this plan will be collaboratively achieved, built upon, and sustained over time.



