



*The Mission of the
Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition
is to Reduce the Burden of Asthma in Indiana*

About the Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition (InJAC)

In 2003, the leadership of the Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management invited people and organizations to form The Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition (InJAC). The initial charge of InJAC was to formulate Indiana's first State Asthma Plan in order to reduce the burden of asthma in Indiana. They now:

- Implement the "Strategic Plan for Addressing Asthma in Indiana" (more information can be found at <http://www.asthma.in.gov>)
- Focus energy and resources to achieve sustainable success
- Work cooperatively and constructively with Indiana's Asthma Program at the Indiana State Department of Health and other state agencies; and
- Provide guidance to membership on efforts to implement and devise the plan and refine its efforts.

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2009 Coalition Meeting Schedule

The coalition meets quarterly. All meetings will take place at the Indiana State Department of Health (2 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN, 46204). The meeting schedule for 2009 is as follows:

Thursday, March 19, 2009	9:00 a.m. (8th floor conference room)
Thursday, June 18, 2009	9:00 a.m. (8th floor conference room)
Wednesday, Sept 16, 2009	1:30 p.m. (8th floor conference room)
Thursday, Dec 17, 2009	9:00 a.m. (Rice Auditorium)

Registration Information

- To register, please go to www.InJAC.org and click on the Membership Tab at the top right of the Home Page.
- Registration is **FREE** and only takes 30 seconds.
- You will need to choose a workgroup (see list on following page) and membership type.
- Membership types:
 - Individual Member
 - Organizational Member (*Must specify person to represent organization*)
 - Organizational Partner (*Must specify person to represent organization and does not have voting privileges on general InJAC activities*)

For more information regarding InJAC, visit the website at www.InJAC.org

InJAC Workgroups

- **Data Collection and Surveillance**
This workgroup focuses on the development and implementation of a comprehensive asthma surveillance program. Strategies for this group address data needs; comprehensive and structured asthma data surveillance system; timely access to data; and standard data definitions.
- **Public Education**
This workgroup focuses on increasing public awareness of asthma as a serious chronic disease and on improving the knowledge and skills of patients regarding the detection, treatment, and control of asthma, particularly among high-risk populations. Strategies for this group address asthma education and public awareness; asthma information resources; peer education and social support; access to quality asthma education programs; and asthma coalition building.
- **Children and Youth**
This workgroup focuses on activities related to schools and early care settings. Strategies for this group address asthma education and awareness; stronger management and support systems; safe and healthy environments; school nurse coordination; and the coordination of school, family and community efforts.
- **Environmental Quality**
This workgroup focuses on identifying environmental hazards and work-related risk factors that contribute to asthma and to determine remedies that address specific settings. Strategies for this group address environmental hazards that contribute to Indiana's asthma burden in Indiana homes and commercial buildings; schools and regulated early care settings; outdoor air; and indoor and outdoor workplaces.
- **Health Care Provider**
This workgroup focuses on asthma management by practicing providers, training of future health care providers, and meeting patient needs most effectively in a medical home. Strategies for this group address best practice guidelines; patient education and asthma action plans; health benefit coverage and reimbursement; health care provider education; and the medical home concept.

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