



*Chicago Asthma Consortium is a coalition of medical and public health professionals, business leaders, government agencies, community-based organizations, and individuals dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with asthma through advocacy, education and collaboration.*

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## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Some programmatic highlights for the year include:

- Implemented three large-scale educational programs for healthcare professionals reaching nearly 200 health care providers, asthma educators and advocates. These meetings include:
  - *Emergency Management of Asthma* to discuss emergency management of asthma within schools, to review the data around asthma action plans, to present information from the Illinois Emergency Department Asthma Surveillance Project and provide recommendations for emergency management protocols.
  - *Current Topics Impacting Asthma: Air Pollution and Asthma* to discuss outdoor air quality regulation, the major sources of air pollution and the health impacts, environmental justice and the importance of engaging disparate communities, existing policy initiatives; and to discuss strategies on protecting and talking to patients about air pollution.
  - *Updates in Asthma Management* to discuss sleep apnea and asthma, present new pharmaceutical approaches to treating asthma, describe a clinical decision making tool, discuss guidelines for the management of severe asthma and examine data on the effectiveness of bronchial thermoplasty.
- Educated 330 individuals about the devices used for asthma treatment and management, in collaboration with American College of Chest Physicians.
- Launched our Asthma Community Advisory Board to engage patients, caregivers and community leaders in Chicago-based asthma research initiatives. Provided consultation to three research projects.
- Convened working groups on schools, housing, professional development and research, and participated on the executive committee of the Illinois Asthma Partnership.
- Began a partnership with University of Chicago Medicine and University of Chicago Charter School on the *Comprehensive School-Based Approach to Improve Asthma Outcomes*. Screened over 460 students for asthma and developed educational programs for parents and students with asthma.
- Participated in two ongoing city-wide research projects *Coordinated Healthcare Interventions for Childhood Asthma Gaps in Outcomes* (led stakeholder engagement activities) and *Chicago Area Patient Centered Outcomes Research Network* (participated in stakeholder engagement activities).

The following is an overview of Chicago Asthma Consortium's **income and expenses** for the fiscal year that ended December 31, 2014:

Total Revenues and Support	\$80,246
Program Services Expense	\$77,279
Management and General Expense	\$6,819
Fund raising Expense	\$2,396
Total expenses	\$86,494
Ending net assets (cumulative)	\$125,864

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