



## Improving Asthma in Ohio Schools Program Overview

**Asthma in Ohio** Almost 8% of children under 18 (190,000) have a diagnosis of asthma. For many children, unmanaged symptoms disrupt daily life and impair their ability to learn and play to the fullest. The burden is even higher among some communities: the prevalence rate among children in low-income households is 10.9% (compared to 6.4% among children from households that make \$50,000 or above), and the prevalence rate among Black children is more than twice that of white children (3.9% compared to 5.6%, respectively). Unfortunately, Black children in Ohio also visit the emergency department (ED) and hospital for asthma at a rate more than four times greater than that of white children.

### The American Lung Association is here to help...

As the nation's champion for lung health, the American Lung Association is committed to improving pediatric asthma outcomes and quality of life for children in Ohio, especially among high-burden communities.

The Lung Association is providing targeted outreach in Ohio to recruit health professionals to increase their capacity to deliver asthma-guidelines-based care through the American Lung Association's **Asthma Educator Institute** and recruit school nurses to deliver asthma self-management education using the American Lung Association's **Open Airways for Schools**® and **Kickin' Asthma** programs.

### OUR GOAL

To improve  
pediatric asthma  
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children in Ohio.

### Scholarships Available

Scholarships are available to participate in our professional development course, **Asthma Educator Institute**, and to become trained as a certified facilitator in **Open Airways for Schools** and/or **Kickin' Asthma**. To learn more about these programs, select the links or scan the QR code.



### Asthma Educator Institute

The American Lung Association Asthma Educator Institute is a professional education course for frontline healthcare professionals and educators with 1000+ direct hours of asthma education eligible to sit for the national asthma certification exam. Visit [Lung.org/AEI](https://www.lung.org/AEI) to learn more.



### Kickin' Asthma

Kickin' Asthma facilitators lead the American Lung Association's effective teen asthma self-management education program for children ages 11-16. Visit [Lung.org/kickin-asthma](https://Lung.org/kickin-asthma) to learn more.



### Open Airways for Schools®

Open Airways for Schools facilitators lead the American Lung Association's effective asthma self-management education program for children ages 8 – 11. Visit [Lung.org/open-airways](https://Lung.org/open-airways) to learn more.

## Stock Asthma Medication in Schools Stipends

The Lung Association is offering schools an opportunity to receive an **Emergency Stock Asthma Medication for Schools Stipend** (up to \$1000) to purchase supplies and support implementation of an emergency stock asthma medication program. Schools interested in being considered for this opportunity should complete the Scholarship Form.

Stipend recipients will be required to:

1. Complete the American Lung Association's online course, [Stock Asthma Medication: Implementation Guidance for Schools](#). More information is provided in the link or QR code.
2. Provide the number of children that would benefit from establishing an emergency stock asthma medication program.



To get started, complete the [Improving Asthma in Ohio Schools Scholarship Form](#).



For questions, please email [Eva.Book@Lung.org](mailto:Eva.Book@Lung.org)!

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