What is RAMP?

• RAMP’s mission is to reduce the burden of asthma through a broad and comprehensive approach, ranging from clinical management to environmental protection.

• A project of the Public Health Institute since 1996

• Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities (CEED) as part of the CDC’s REACH-US program

• What we do:
  – Inform
  – Support
  – Collaborate
  – Advocate
Community Action to Fight Asthma (CAFA)

- Initially an initiative of The California Endowment
- A network of 18 local asthma coalitions
- Focus on policy change to reduce environmental triggers of asthma for school aged children where they live, learn, and play.
- Policy Focus:
  - Outdoor air quality
  - Housing
  - Schools
State Policy Efforts

- California Air Resources Board
  - Diesel Regulations
  - Climate Change
  - Freight/Rail yards/Ports
  - Clean Cars

- Legislative Efforts
  - SB 739 – Port Assessments
  - SB 1339 – Commuter Benefits
  - Defensive
Value of Coalitions

- Leverage power and broaden perspectives
  - Local asthma coalitions can be more effective at the state level in coordination with other local asthma coalitions \(\rightarrow\) CAFA
  - CAFA can be more effective in partnership with others that share similar interests

Examples
- Diesel regulations workgroup
- Green California
- Green cleaning (AB 821) and Schools Environmental Health and Asthma Collaborative (SEHAC)
- California Healthy Housing Coalition (CHHC)
Value of a Public Health Perspective

- Layer of credibility
  - Data driven
  - “Above the fray”
- Broader openness to public health arguments
  - Asthma to contextualize the issue
Opportunities

- Increased focus on land use
  - SB 375 (Sustainable Communities Strategies)
  - Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs)
  - General Plans
  - Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
  - Area/Site Specific Plans (e.g. 710 expansion)
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