

## About

## CVAC

### Mission

To improve the health and well being of people with asthma through education, advocacy, networking and promotion of activities to reduce the effects of asthma in our community.

### Goals

- Support surveillance programs to collect data on asthma prevalence, mortality and disease management.
- Support and provide asthma education programs to individuals and groups.
- Strengthen and expand the asthma coalition through marketing and networking.
- Advocate for intervention strategies that will improve the health of people with asthma.

### Core Activities

- Hosting a summer Asthma Camp in collaboration with the American Lung Association.
- Providing *Physician Asthma Care to Children* (PACC) program.
- Collaborating with other coalitions and asthma support groups to influence policy change.
- Supporting CARMA Project (Controlling Asthma in the Richmond Metropolitan Area).
- Providing asthma education materials to Central Virginia community.
- Implementing *Guidelines for Managing Asthma in Virginia Schools*.
- Collaboration with local housing authorities to provide environmental education.

## Additional

## Resources

Controlling Asthma in the Richmond Metropolitan Area

[www.carmakids.org](http://www.carmakids.org)

Virginia Asthma Coalition

[www.virginiaasthmacoalition.org](http://www.virginiaasthmacoalition.org)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Environmental Health, Air Pollution and Respiratory Health Branch

[www.cdc.gov/nceh/airpollution](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/airpollution)

Allergy & Asthma Network, Mothers of Asthmatics, Inc

[www.aanma.org](http://www.aanma.org)

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology

[www.aaaai.org](http://www.aaaai.org)

American Lung Association

[www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org)

Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America

[www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org)

Environmental Protection Agency

[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

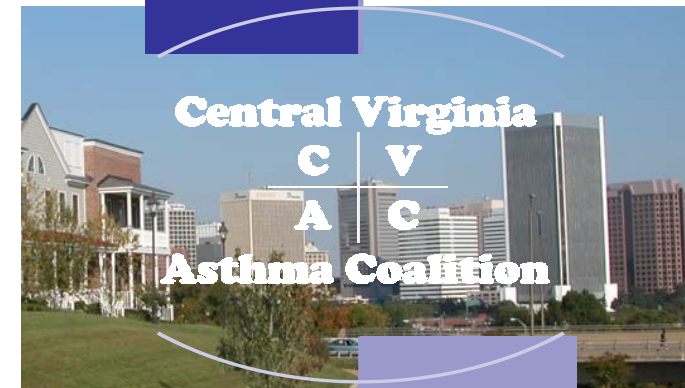
National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

[www.nhlbi.nih.gov/index.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/index.htm)

**Central Virginia**



**Asthma Coalition**



*Helping Our Community*

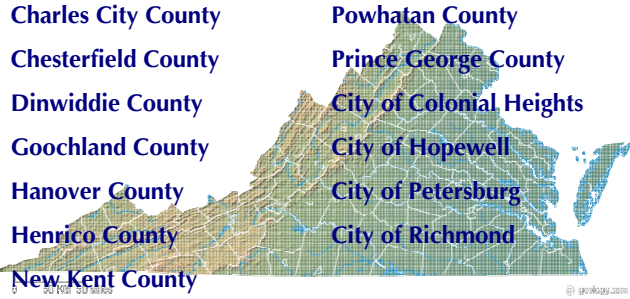
*Breathe Easier*



## CVAC Service Areas

Charles City County  
Chesterfield County  
Dinwiddie County  
Goochland County  
Hanover County  
Henrico County  
New Kent County

Powhatan County  
Prince George County  
City of Colonial Heights  
City of Hopewell  
City of Petersburg  
City of Richmond



## Facts & Figures

- From 2001-2005, 22 percent (10,669 of 48,693) of the hospital discharges with a primary diagnosis of asthma in Virginia were from the CVAC service area.
- Three of the five health districts in the CVAC service area (Hanover: 10.4%; Richmond: 10.8%; Crater: 8.7%) have a prevalence of current asthma in adults that is higher than the state prevalence (8.4%).
- In the CVAC service area the average hospital stay for children (age 0-18) and adults (age 19 and up) slightly exceeds the average stay for Virginia. In 2005, the average total charge for a hospital stay for children and adults was approximately 39 percent higher in the CVAC service area than the statewide average. (CVAC service area, age 19 and up: \$21,745 for 5.31 days; age 0-18: \$11,629 for 2.59 days. Average in Virginia, age 19 and up: \$13,199 for 4.4 days; age 0-18: \$7,149 for 2.2 days.)

Source:

Carretta HJ. Brief Report to the Controlling Asthma in the Richmond Metropolitan Area Project (CARMA): Inpatient Hospital Utilization for Pediatric Asthma in the CARMA Catchment Area, 1994-2005. Richmond, Virginia: Controlling Asthma in the Richmond Metropolitan Area, 2006.

Sultana R. Asthma in Virginia--A Comprehensive Data Report, 2006. Richmond, VA: Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, Virginia Department of Health, 2006.

## Key

## Partners

*The following organizations are currently represented by CVAC membership:*

American Lung Association of Virginia  
Anthem  
Astra Zeneca  
Bon Secours Richmond Health System  
Controlling Asthma in the Richmond Metropolitan Area  
Children's Health Involving Parents, of Greater Richmond  
Chippenham Johnston-Willis Medical Center  
Community Health Associates Physician Organization  
Glaxo Smith-Kline  
Head Start  
Instructive Visiting Nurses Association  
Local Health Departments  
Local School Health Services  
Parents  
Physicians  
Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority  
Southern Health  
VCU/MCV  
Virginia Adult Pediatric Allergy & Asthma  
Virginia Department of Education  
Virginia Department of Health  
Virginia Premier

## Get involved today!

*Help our community breathe easier!*

### Membership Benefits

- Access to community education tools/supplies (i.e. display board)
- Scholarship opportunities for the Asthma Educator Institute.
- Participation in CVAC Speaker's Bureau.
- Networking opportunities.
- Involvement in strategies that influence policy change.
- Giving back to the community



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