

WASHINGTON COUNTY PROJECT C.A.L.M.

CHILDHOOD LINKAGE IN MISSOURI

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A new program has been implemented in Washington County, Washington County Project C.A.L.M. In August, 2009, the county received a grant for asthma education from The Missouri Foundation for Health. Many organizations in the county are responsible for this project which includes: Washington County Health Department, Washington County Asthma Coalition, Washington County Memorial Hospital and C2000 Partnership of Washington County.

The purposes of this project are to educate children with asthma and people of the community about asthma, to decrease school absenteeism related to asthma and decrease ER and hospital admissions related to asthma. Information about the program has been distributed to schools, doctor’s offices, the ER and waiting areas at Washington County Memorial Hospital and through many local public meetings. Any child with asthma who lives in Washington County may take part in the program. A parent or legal guardian may fill out and sign a referral/request form or their physician may refer them to the program, however, a physician referral is not necessary.

Free services available through the program:

- *Asthma education to children with asthma and their families
- *Support group meetings for families of children with asthma
- *Asthma education to the staff of all Washington County School Districts
- *Environmental Assessment of homes of children with asthma
- *Asthma education for office the staff of any Washington County physicians

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