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A Call to Action

For the 23 million Americans with asthma—seven million of them children—inhaling and exhaling can sometimes be as difficult as breathing through a straw.

Thanks to the National Asthma Control Initiative (NACI), a program of the [National Asthma Education and Prevention Program](#) (NAEPP), coordinated by the [National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute](#) (NHLBI), we now have a tremendous opportunity to help them breathe easier.

Moving the Nation toward Asthma Control

The NACI is a multi-component, mobilizing, and action-oriented initiative to engage diverse stakeholders who are concerned about or involved in improving asthma control. Its ultimate aim is to bring the asthma care that patients receive in line with evidence-based recommendations from two reports published by the NAEPP: the [Expert Panel Report 3—Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma](#) (EPR-3) and its companion [Guidelines Implementation Panel \(GIP\) Report—Partners Putting Guidelines Into Action](#). The NACI is bringing together organizations from local, state, regional, and national levels so that they can share best practices, pool and direct resources, and identify new directions and learning opportunities.

The NACI focuses on three major efforts—[NACI Demonstration Projects](#), the [NACI Strategic Partnership Program](#), and the [NACI Champions Program](#). In communities across the country, these efforts are engaging health care professionals, patients and families, schools and childcare settings, professional associations, and many others to implement innovative, strategic interventions to overcome barriers to implementing clinical guidelines and reducing asthma disparities. Through such efforts, the NACI hopes to speed the adoption of these recommendations by clinicians and adherence to them by patients and their families and caregivers.

The NACI seeks to produce high-impact solutions and meaningful change in asthma control by:

- ▶ Convening and energizing national, regional, state, and local leaders.
- ▶ Developing a communication infrastructure for information sharing and accessing resources.
- ▶ Mobilizing champion networks to implement and integrate clinical and community-based interventions with emphasis on sustainability.
- ▶ Demonstrating evidence-based and best practice approaches for specific audiences in various settings with emphasis on closing the asthma disparity gap.

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