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Health Disparities

are commonly defined as differences in the morbidity, mortality, health-care access, behavioral risk factors, exposure to environmental hazards, and social determinants of adverse conditions that exist among specific populations.

The AAFA MD-DC Chapter's programs serve low income, under-served MD residents who often experience health disparities.



YOU CAN STILL ACCESS THE JUNE 2011 materials and videos from the statewide Asthma Disparities Conference for Health Care Providers

Go to WWW.AAFA-MD.ORG and click on the above thumb drive icon to access conference handouts, speaker slide shows, and useful tools and 'best practices' to better address asthma disparities in Maryland.



ASTHMA DISPARITIES:

- Since 1980 asthma death rates overall have increased more than 50% among all genders, age groups and ethnic groups. The death rate for children under 19 years old has increased by nearly 80% since 1980.
- In MD black adults had a 4.5 times higher rate of ER visits for asthma compared to white adults.*
- Adult women had a 2.1 times higher rate of asthma hospitalizations & a 1.5 times higher ER visit rate than men in MD.*
- From 2005-2009, black adults had a 2.3 times higher mortality rate for asthma than that of white adults in MD.**
- From 2005-2009, older adults (65+) had 15 times higher mortality for asthma than children under 5 years old in MD.
- **Ethnic differences in asthma prevalence, morbidity and mortality are highly correlated with poverty, urban air quality, indoor allergens, and lack of patient education and inadequate medical care.
- Nearly 5 million asthma sufferers are under age 18. It is the most common chronic childhood disease, affecting more than 1 in 20.
- Among children ages 5 to 17, asthma is the leading cause of school absences from a chronic illness & accounts for an annual loss of over 14 million school days per year.



ASTHMA FRIENDLY CHILD CARE INITIATIVE



MD-DC Chapter received a multi-year grant from MACP via the CDC to help launch an AFCC initiative. We participated in a committee to establish criteria so a child care site or home day care could be designated "asthma-friendly." The Chapter was tasked with collecting resources and producing a binder toolkit to guide child care staff in gaining the designation. In addition, an instructional video was scripted and videotaped at local centers, then distributed to attendees of AFCC workshops that the Chapter held throughout the state. More workshops will be held this and next year.

Highlights of 2012 AAFA Service Stats

The Chapters provides education and information to patients, their families, health care professionals, teachers, child care workers, & seniors.

STATS BY AREA

176 Anne Arundel
1,044 Baltimore City
1,282 Baltimore County
219 Carroll County
233 Harford County
229 Howard County
3,183 Central Maryland
80 Frederick County
49 Southern MD
174 Eastern Shore
397 Prince George's County
100 Montgomery County

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The foundation provides education, support and referrals to assist patients, their families and health care providers in the control and management of these chronic diseases.

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