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Goal #1: Increase asthma knowledge in lay people and healthcare workers who deal with individuals with asthma.

Objective #1: Further the education of individuals in the management of asthma.

Objective #2: Use gained knowledge to promote optimal, research-based asthma education and management at school and throughout the St. Louis metropolitan community.

Strategy #1: Provide financial resources for 5-10 individuals per year to participate in education programs that adhere to the committee's guidelines.

Strategy #2: Provide information and applications through the St. Louis Regional Asthma Consortium web site.

Strategy #3: Seek candidates through the Controlling Asthma in St. Louis grant relationship with the Jennings, St. Louis Public Schools, Wellston, Normandy, and The Archdioceses School Districts (and others as needed) to reach school nurses.

Strategy #4: Promote availability of asthma education courses and scholarships among key stakeholders, FQHCs, and school districts.

Lead Person	Collaborating Agencies	Steps to be Taken for Implementation	Status of Steps	Resources/ Budget
	School component of Controlling Asthma in St. Louis grant, American Lung Association of Missouri, and Barriers and Resources Committee	Website list of asthma education programs within the region	Revising wording of scholarship form to clearly state requirements regarding deposit required for scholarship Revising post survey to better understand how trained nurses are using their new found skills and are implementing asthma education in the St Louis community	\$2,125 (5 scholarships @ \$425 each). CASL grant will provide funds. \$2,000 (5 scholarships @ \$400 each. For those outside the CASL grant area. <i>Contingent on funding.</i>

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Goal #2: Encourage the use of best practices relating to asthma management.

Objective #1: Provide support and consultation to SLRAC and its stakeholders regarding use and promotion of best practices.

Strategy #1: Communicate with Controlling Asthma in St. Louis grant staff on an as-needed basis regarding the Community Asthma Program and Asthma Friendly Pharmacy components of the Controlling Asthma in St. Louis grant. Committee members will provide support and advice to the Controlling Asthma in St. Louis grant staff regarding these components.

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	Community Asthma Program component of the Controlling Asthma in St. Louis grant. Asthma Friendly Pharmacy component of the Controlling Asthma in St. Louis grant.	Continue to work with these groups collaboratively Develop reporting mechanism to determine how many times per year consulting activities are being done and to whom.	ongoing	None

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Goal #3: Empower people with asthma to know their controller medicines and quick relief medications.

Objective #1: Review and update the Asthma Information Sheet annually.

Strategy #1: Promote the use of the Asthma Information Sheet through the following variety of venues: ER departments, county and city departments of health, primary care physician offices, World Asthma Day, health fairs, support groups, Asthma Friendly Pharmacies, and others.

Strategy #2: Promote asthma hotline toll free number for questions by patients.

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	American Lung Association of Missouri and Barriers and Resources Committee	Devise mechanism to determine where the Asthma Information Sheets are being disseminated within the community	<p>Asthma Information Sheet recently revised.</p> <p>New drawings of inhaler techniques were added—including the new drug, mometasone.</p> <p>Info sheets were recently printed.</p> <p>Info sheets are being disseminated in CAP clinics, World Asthma Day, and health fairs</p>	

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Goal #4: Promote best practices of asthma care and services in the St. Louis metropolitan region.

Objective #1: Bring stakeholders in asthma care and services together and help to promote their best practices that have proven to be successful.

Strategy #1: Encourage representatives of providers that serve the community relating to asthma to continue to attend committee meetings to allow for a more cohesive interaction of these organizations.

Objective #2: Identify gaps in asthma related services and help to empower current community service providers to fill these identified gaps.

Strategy #1: Annually identify at least three stakeholders exemplifying a “best practice” approach to asthma care within the St. Louis regional community.

Strategy #2: Recognize via newsletters, website, and other means asthma programs within the St. Louis area which may be more broadly applicable to other organizations.

Strategy #3: Share successes, new programs, and innovative programs of these practices with other organizations and help them to implement them, if they desire.

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	Barriers and Resources Committee, Asthma-related service organizations within the St. Louis metropolitan area, the Advocacy Committee, Community Advisory Committee and GAI Committee.	Update website with quarterly spotlights on organizations Spotlight best practices being exhibited by organizations in organization newsletter Create criteria to utilize as a checklist when deeming organizations / sites as best practices – making them eligible candidates for the spotlight		None

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Goal #5: Develop a plan to increase the use of asthma action plans within the community.

Objective #1: Increase the number of asthma action plans on file at Breathe Your Best for School Success schools by 5% per year.

Strategy #1: Promote best practices through a Breathe Your Best for School Success campaign.

Strategy #2: Work with and support Asthma 411 by utilizing resources available in common to three components of the CASL grant: Asthma Friendly Pharmacies, CAP providers, and school nurses.

Strategy #3: Highlight BYBSS campaign through a publicity (visual) campaign in targeted area and broader areas.

Objective #2: Implement ways to increase action plans being used by adults and low literacy adults.

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	Community Advisory Committee, School component of the CASL grant, and AFP component of the CASL grant.	Printing visual materials Dissemination of posters to targeted area	Obtained \$100 gift certificate to Circuit City Obtaining bids from 501 Creative for poster / visual displays design Work on list of possible sponsors / printer donations	