

# Forming Alliances to Improve Environmental Public Health

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# Outline

- ASTHO's Unique Role
- Bridging State Health and Environmental Agencies
- Tracking Partnerships
- Future Steps...

# ASTHO's Unique Role

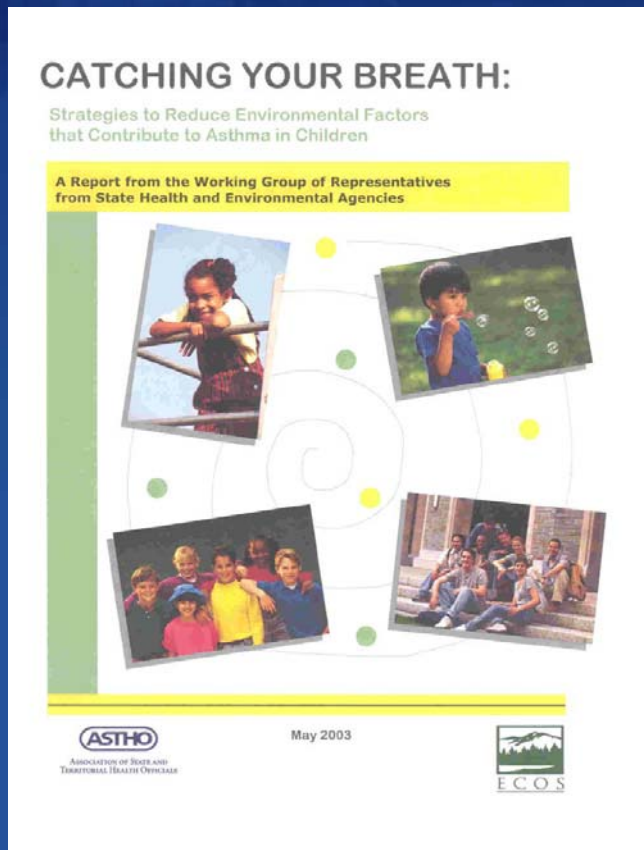
- 57 members – State and Territorial Health Officials
- The Environmental Health Policy Program
- Internal Partnerships and Resources

# Building Bridges Between Agencies

- Most states have separate health and environmental agencies
- There is a demand to know the relationships between environment and disease
- Cooperation is necessary during crisis and emergency situations



# Successful Partnership



- Written by state health and environmental agency representatives
- Includes strategies to increase collaboration and joint action

# ASTHO's Role in Tracking

- Increase communications and share information
- Facilitate collaboration



# Increasing Communications

- Primer
- Case studies
- Asthma survey
- Strategies and challenges report
- Risk communications focus groups

# Facilitating Collaboration

- Partnership with ECOS
  - State/regional meetings with unfunded states
  - Continuing *Catching Your Breath* project





# New Partnership with National Environmental Health Association

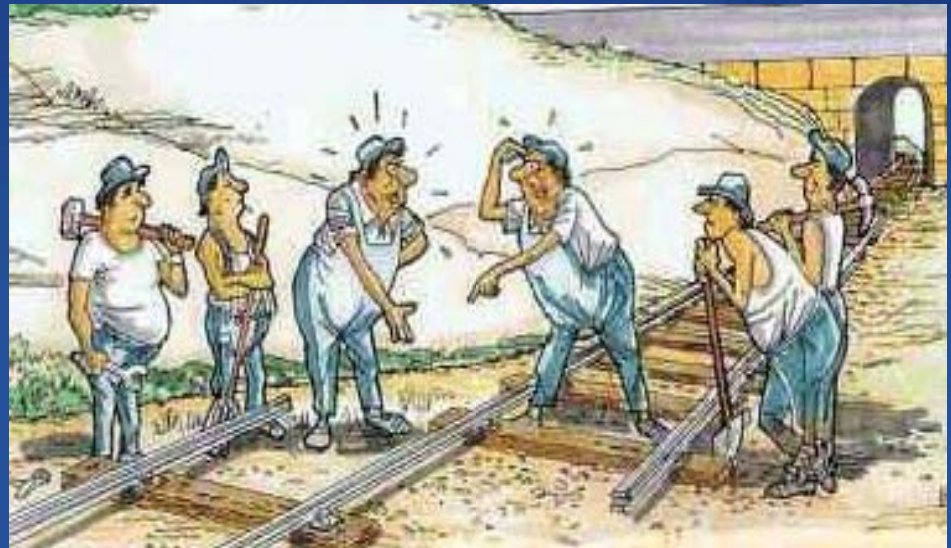
Focus on

- Tracking
- Workforce development



# Collaboration with National Partner Organizations

- Increasing communications
- Identifying our constituencies
- Cooperating on projects



# Moving Forward...

- Continue building partnerships
- Form EPH Tracking Advisory Group
- Create online toolkit



# Moving Forward...

- Collaborate with Centers of Excellence
- Communicate with National Partner Organizations



# Thank you.

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