



## Asthma in Children: Working Together to Get it Under Control

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- Asthma affects about 1 in 12 children ages 0-17 in the U.S.
- Asthma hospitalizations for children decreased by 50% from 2003 to 2013.
- Despite this progress, 1 in 6 children with asthma still ends up in the Emergency Department each year.
- Here's what parents, caregivers and children can do.
- Learn about asthma, how to manage it and how to recognize the warning signs of an asthma attack.
- Take steps to reduce asthma triggers at home, especially never smoke around children.
- Make sure children use their asthma controller medicine as prescribed.
- Communicate the child's asthma action plan with schools, caregivers and healthcare providers.
- For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns](http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns).