

# Oregon Asthma Network

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It is with pleasure I join the Oregon Asthma Network in presenting the *Oregon Asthma Leadership Plan, A Statewide Call for Action*. This plan represents a unified vision to ensure that all Oregonians with asthma receive optimal medical care, and have the information and skills they need to manage their disease where they live, work, and play.

The Oregon Asthma Network's call to action will challenge us to expand and improve the quality of asthma care, education, and management available in Oregon. By striving to achieve the objectives and strategies identified in this plan, we hope to reduce the burden of asthma in Oregon, and improve the quality of life for all Oregonians with asthma.

The priorities identified in this Leadership Plan represent a coordinated public health approach to address asthma. Attending to each priority will increase asthma awareness and better support the community and health care system in addressing the needs of the 325,000 Oregonians living with asthma.

We would like to acknowledge the Oregon Asthma Network partners who contributed to the development of the Oregon Asthma Leadership Plan. It is our hope that the Oregon Asthma Leadership Plan will serve as a roadmap for the many partners in Oregon who will address asthma over the next five years. We all have a role in improving the quality of life for Oregonians with asthma. Thank you for your dedication.

Sincerely,



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