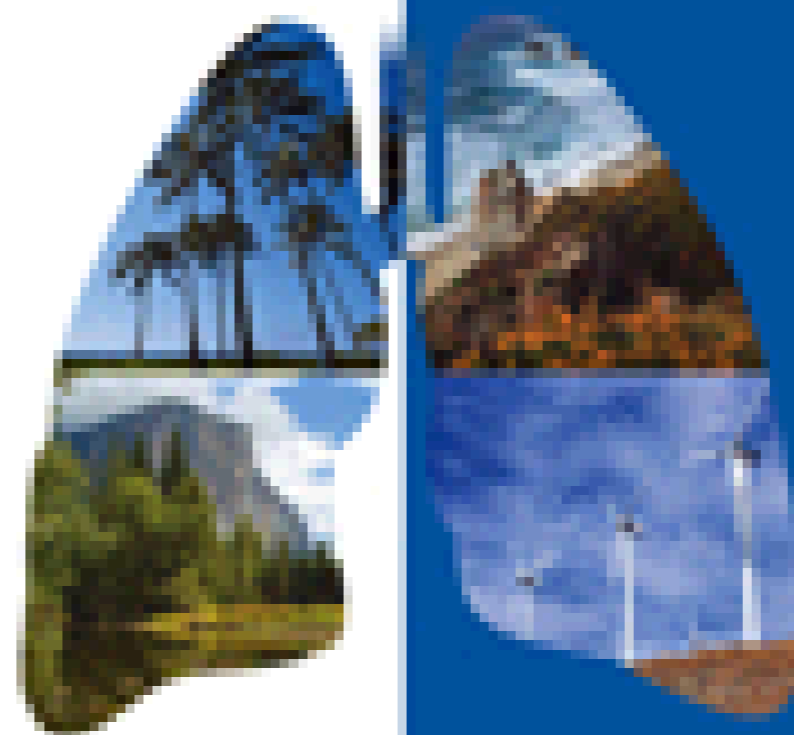




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From a Public Health Perspective:
Healthy Housing in California



Strategic Plan for Asthma in California 2008-2012



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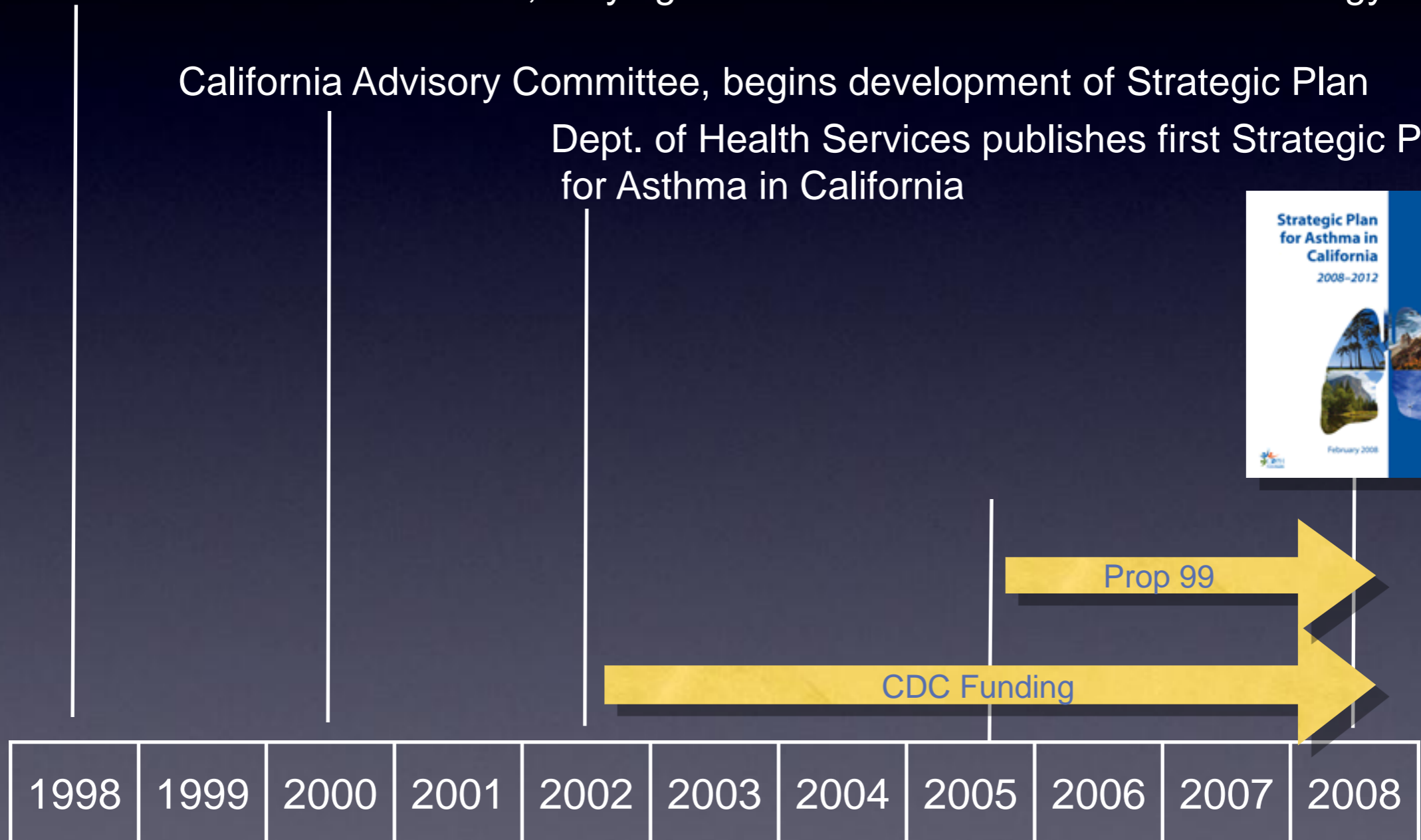
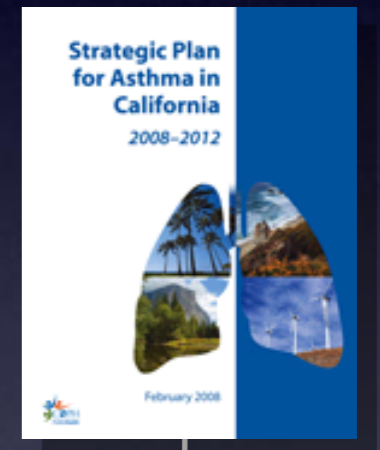


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Asthma in California Conference, “Laying the Foundation for a Statewide Strategy”

California Advisory Committee, begins development of Strategic Plan

Dept. of Health Services publishes first Strategic Plan for Asthma in California



Why a Strategic Plan for Asthma?

5 million Californians with lifetime asthma

3 million with current asthma

Highest burden in young people 5-17 y.o.

<\$20,000 annual income 3x higher likelihood of hospitalization

7x higher rate of severe symptoms than >\$100,000

Why Housing and Asthma?

- 11% of adults with asthma exposed to tobacco smoke in their homes
- 13% cockroaches
- Data lags behind what we know on:
 - Mold
 - Dust mites
 - Chemical exposure
 - Stress
 - Other triggers

What's in the Housing Portion of the Asthma Plan?

- Research, assessment, guidance;

Promote standards and model policies;

- Educate stakeholders

Augment home assessment, remediation and legal action

What We Do



- **New CB program component**
- **Builds on success of CB/CAP symposium *Healthy Housing for California: Using Code Enforcement to Reduce the Impact of Asthma (December, 2006)***
- **Established active advisory board representing asthma and health advocates, housing advocates, code enforcers, lawyers, property owners/managers, indoor air quality experts and others.**
- **Supports Indoor Air Quality goals for housing.**

The Strategic Plan for Asthma in California: Housing

Strategy	SPAC Goal and Objective
Develop and promote standards, guidelines, model policies for asthma-safe healthy housing.	Indoor Environments – Housing, Objective 4C.2
Educate various stakeholder groups on reduction of housing-based asthma risk factors	Indoor Environments – Housing, Objective 4C.3
Augmentation of home assessments, remediation, legal advocacy. Increase understanding of triggers.	Indoor Environments – Housing, Objective 4C.4 and 4C.1



Activities

- **“Essentials for Healthy Homes” trainings (11/2007 and 5/2008);**
- **Legal research to identify promising approaches and practices;**
- **SPIG grants on mold and moisture intrusion (Sonoma County), and use of pesticides/IPM in home (L.A.); Senior Mobile Home Parks SHS Reduction (Shasta Cty.); Local Planning (Fresno);**
- **Legal research on local codes and enforcement practices on key issues;**
- **Participation on planning group for Tobacco Control Program statewide conference on SHS with major MUH component;**
- **Interviews with county public health officers to identify needs regarding healthy housing (with other branches in EHIB’s division.)**



How you can help

- Technical advice and resources
- Share effective approaches:
 - 1.mold,
 - 2.SHS,
 - 3.green/healthy interface,
 - 4.etc.
- Help to develop and review model policies or recommendations as developed through a healthy housing strategic planning process.