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### **2013 Alabama Asthma Burden Document issued**

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Asthma is a chronic disease of the airways, and it is a major health burden in Alabama. There is no cure for asthma; however, through medication use and reduction of asthma triggers, asthma can be controlled.

The Alabama Asthma Program, established in 2009, monitors the burden of asthma via a comprehensive surveillance system. This system assists in understanding the reach of asthma from a statewide perspective.

The program announces the release of the 2013 Alabama Asthma Burden Document. This report outlines the burden of asthma in Alabama for adults and children based on available data.

"We remain committed to working with public and private partners to preserve and protect the public's health and to assure conditions in which people can be healthy," Jonathan R. Edwards, program manager, said.

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