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Montana Asthma  
Advisory Group  
Meeting

August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Save the Date!

2011 MAAG meeting

- Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
- View “Environmental Control Of Asthma” webinar online <http://dphhs.mt.gov/asthma>
- Look for dates of “Big Sky Pulmonary Conference” and “Asthma Educator Review Course” - spring 2012

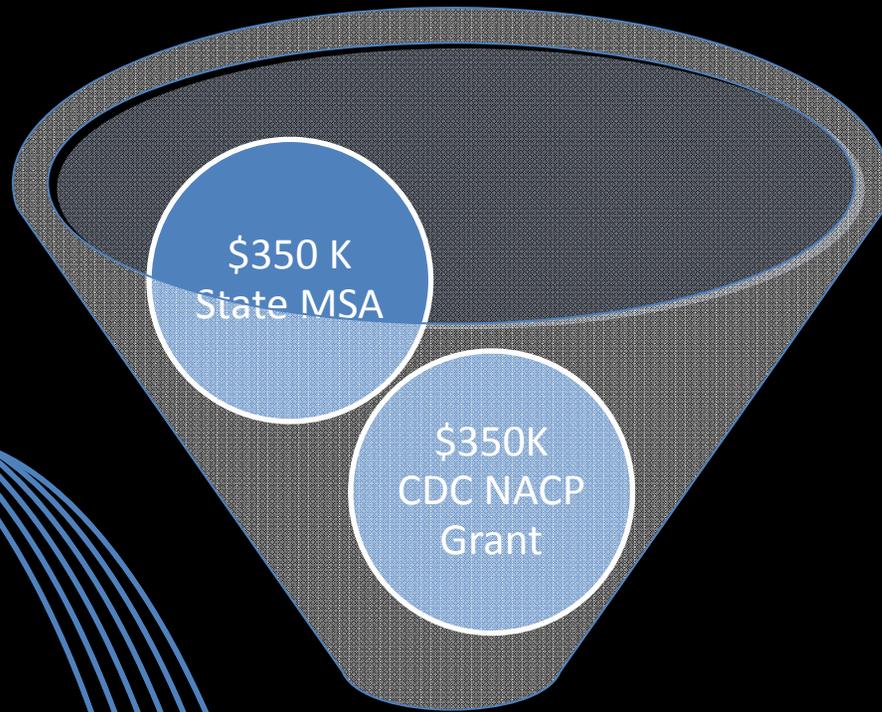


# Announcements

- Welcome to our new Health Educator, Katie Church
- Welcome to additional partners at this meeting:
  - Asthma triggers workgroup members
  - Healthy homes partners
  - Asthma Home Visiting Sites
- Announcements from ALA/Healthcare without Harm



# CDC Funding Update



Montana Asthma Control Program Budget  
(\$700 K Annually)



# Funding Cycles

- State MSA funding reviewed by state legislature every two years (2009, 2011 etc)
- CDC grant-awarded in September, 2009, 5 year funding cycle (intended to run through August, 2014)



# The Good News

- 2011 legislature did not cut funding for chronic disease programs
- State asthma funding secure through 2013



## 2011 Federal budget

- 5% funding cut from National Asthma Control Program for Federal 2011 budget (\$350,000 reduced to \$335,000)



# 2012 CDC budget

- National Center for Environmental Health asked to reduce overall budget by \$100 million
- President's budget creates new, "Healthy Homes and Community Environments" program
  - Integrates National Asthma Control Program with Healthy Homes/Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (HH/LPPP)



# Healthy Homes and Community Environments Program

- 2 year transition
- Budget set at \$32.6 million
- \$33 million (51%) cut from FY 2010
- Would affect our program starting in Sept. 2012



# Healthy Homes and Community Environments Program

- Merge current asthma programs into new “Healthy Homes and Community Environments”
- Reduce state/territorial asthma grants
  - From 36 to 15



# Healthy Homes and Community Environments Program

- Reduce Healthy Homes/Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Services
  - Reduce HH funded recipients from 40 to 34
  - Fewer homes inspected
  - Reduced data collection



# Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention

- Montana has never been funded for lead prevention
- CDC released an RFP for three years of funding for healthy homes and lead prevention and MT applied
- We are pleased to announce OFFICIALLY that we are a recipient of three years of funding for healthy homes and lead prevention!



## Healthy Homes Program

- Starts September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011
- For the first year, will manage using current staff from MACP (expansion of the MAP program)
- Jeanne Cannon will be Program Manager for this program
- See logic model and abstract from application



## Healthy Homes Program

- Program addresses lead, tobacco prevention, asthma triggers, injury prevention, weatherization, radon and any other environmental concerns in the home



# Healthy Homes Program

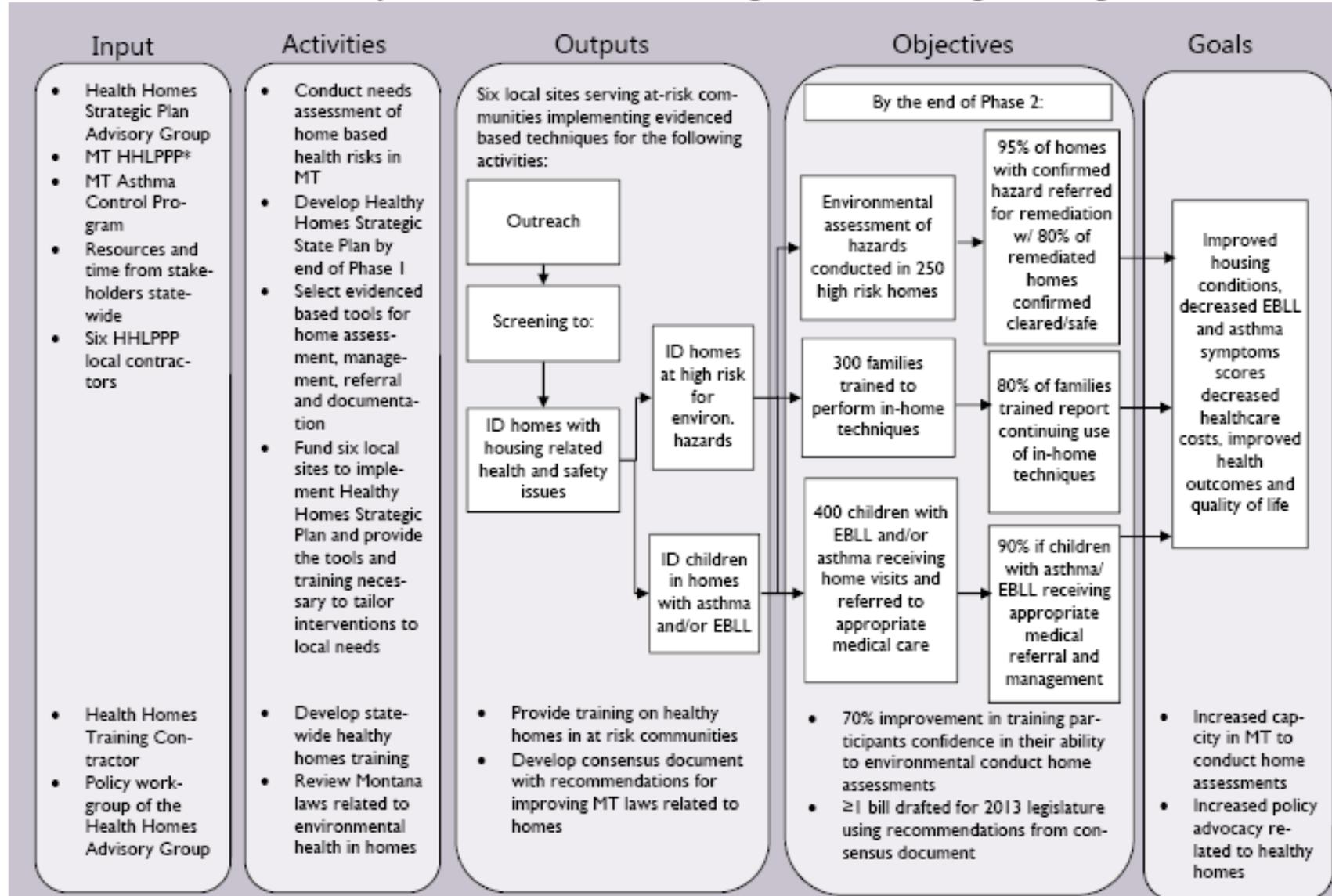
- Phase 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Year
  - Develop healthy homes advisory group
  - Review existing laws and services related to healthy homes
  - Create healthy homes strategic plan for MT
  - Develop healthy homes training and healthy home visit protocol
  - Fund 6 local sites to begin conducting healthy home visits



# Healthy Homes Program

- Phase 2: Year 2 & 3
  - Fund 6 local sites to conduct healthy home visits
  - Fund healthy homes training statewide
  - Conduct policy activities related to healthy homes (eg smokefree public housing)

## Montana Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs Logic Model



Surveillance & Evaluation: All activities tracked through annual chart reviews w/ data entered into HHLPPS\*. All activities evaluated according to Evaluation Plan developed in Phase 1.

Underlying themes: Environmental justice, disparities, meaningful partnerships and sustainability

\* HHLPP=Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention Program, HHLPPS= Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention Surveillance System



## Protecting the asthma program

- Have state funding to provide sustainability
- Applied for and received Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention Funding
- Continuing successful MACP programs and ensuring robust evaluation to remain competitive if we are forced to reapply for fewer spots



# MACP Advocacy

- Thank you to all who signed the letter from the MAAG and ALA that was sent to our representatives in congress
- Meetings are ongoing with lobbying groups and members of congress regarding these changes
- Denny Rehberg is the chair of the HHS committee in the house-has met with Thomas Friedman and others in regards to these cuts



## Take aways

- As evidenced by 2011 negotiations, 2012 budget is not a settled issue
- Montana legislators have powerful positions on appropriations committees and care about the impact of these funding cuts in Montana
- Our partners can advocate on behalf of the MACP
- National organizations (AAFA and ALA) are working on behalf of the NACP



# Take aways

- Through September 2012, we are fully funded for both healthy homes and asthma
- We are excited to move forward and partner with you to make these programs a success
- If we have strong, evidenced based programs, we will be very competitive if we have to reapply for funding



We need your help!

Take the note card in your folder. On the note card write your name and whether you are interested in:

- Being a part of the Healthy Homes Advisory Group
- Big Sky Pulmonary Conference medical planning committee
- Advocacy for Clean Air Act
- Advocacy for National Asthma Control Program

Also indicate other people we might partner with!