

Mothers & Others for Clean Air

Mothers & Others for Clean Air is a partnership of seven leading child advocacy, environmental and public health organizations dedicated to improving air quality by educating the public about the negative health impacts of air pollution and engaging parents and others in both individual change and public policy advocacy.

Our partners are: American Lung Association in Georgia, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Georgia Conservancy, Georgia PTA, Morehouse School of Medicine, Physicians for Social Responsibility and Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University.

History & Founders

Mothers & Others for Clean Air was founded in 2004 by Laura Turner Seydel and Stephanie Blank who, because of their dedication to environmental stewardship, public health and children, joined forces to promote awareness of Georgia's air quality problems and advocate solutions. They identified a need to educate the public about the harmful health effects of poor air quality and, given their roles as caregivers, community leaders and family stewards, the duo was determined to lead Georgia citizens in taking action.

Mothers & Others for Clean Air advocates policies that support alternative transportation options (transit, bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure) to reduce road-based pollution; school bus and city and county clean diesel programs to reduce toxic diesel soot; strong federal ambient air quality standards that protect children and other sensitive groups; and appropriate implementation by school staff and other child caregivers of guidelines for moderating outdoor activity when air quality is poor.

What can I do to protect my family?

- ❖ Sign up for smog alerts and download expert guidelines for protecting children, seniors and other sensitive groups – look for the red toolkit on the M&O home page: www.mothersandothersforcleanair.org.
- ❖ Share the guidance documents for Georgia schools, childcare centers, and summer camps with your child's caregivers and make sure they are following them.
- ❖ Avoid busy roadways when exercising, especially when your kids are along.
- ❖ Talk with your child's school about pollution control devices for its school buses-- federal funding is available to cover the costs.

How can I help create a clean air future?

- ❖ Join the Mothers & Others for Clean Air network to keep up with clean air opportunities and learn how to take action.
- ❖ Advocate funding for full implementation of *Concept 3*, the comprehensive transit plan for metro Atlanta; better transportation alternatives in Georgia's midsize cities; and an intercity rail network.
- ❖ Talk with your city or county officials about the benefits of cleaning up dirty diesel engines. Ask them to invite Mothers & Others for Clean Air to meet with them about federal funding available for pollution control filters.
- ❖ Advocate consumer energy efficiency programs and an even playing field for renewable energy sources, rather than more high risk, polluting power plants.
- ❖ Support a strong idling ordinance for your city or county. • Reduce your own energy consumption and vehicle emissions.

Join our clean air network!

Go to www.mothersandothersforcleanair.org and click on "Get Involved."