While it is not clear what causes asthma, we know that there are things that “trigger” asthma and that asthma can be “controlled.” But, how does asthma relate to a child’s overall physical health?

CCHAPS asked parents of children with and without asthma to describe the child’s physical health. Parents also answered questions about other health issues.

CONCLUSIONS:

Parents report that their child with asthma is generally less healthy than other children without asthma.

The health problems parents relate with asthma cover a wide variety of issues.

Better understanding is needed of how these other health issues may relate to asthma.

CCHAPS is a random household survey reporting responses from 7,439 families with a child aged 0 – 14