200,000 Fewer Tobacco Users by 2012

Oklahoma State Plan for Tobacco Use Prevention & Cessation

Tobacco Stops With Me.
Tobacco kills more Oklahomans than alcohol, auto accidents, AIDS, suicides, murders, and illegal drugs combined.

Smoking causes
82 percent of lung cancer cases, 80 percent of deaths from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), 17 percent of deaths from heart disease, 11 percent of deaths from strokes.

Smoking during pregnancy causes
Low birth weight babies, miscarriages, premature birth, and stillbirth.

Exposure to secondhand smoke causes
Heart disease, cancers, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), asthma attacks, bronchitis, and pneumonia.

Spit (Smokeless) Tobacco contains
28 cancer-causing agents (carcinogens).

Annual deaths from smoking compared with selected other causes in the United States

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Secondhand smoke is composed of sidestream smoke (the smoke released from the burning end of a cigarette) and exhaled mainstream smoke (the smoke exhaled by the smoker). Because sidestream smoke is generated at lower temperatures and under different conditions than mainstream smoke, it contains higher concentrations of many of the toxins found in inhaled cigarette smoke. Secondhand smoke contains at least 250 toxic chemicals.

Partial listing of toxic chemicals in secondhand smoke:
- 2-naphthylamine
- 4-aminobiphenyl
- Aldehydes (such as formaldehyde)
- Ammonia
- Aromatic amines (such as 4-aminobiphenyl)
- Arsenic
- Benzene
- Beryllium
- Butane
- Cadmium
- Carbon monoxide
- Chromium
- Ethylene oxide
- Hydrogen cyanide
- Lead
- N-Nitrosamines
- Nickel compounds
- Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (such as Benzo[a]pyrene)
- Radioactive polonium-210
- Toluene
- Vinyl chloride

Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. For every person who dies from tobacco use, another 20 suffer with at least one serious tobacco-related illness. Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body.

**Tobacco Kills and Causes Disease.**

**Diseases Caused by Tobacco Use**
- Stroke
- Lung Cancer
- Throat Cancer
- Mouth Cancer
- Heart Disease
- Osteoporosis
- Emphysema
- Pancreatic & Stomach Cancer
- Kidney & Bladder Cancer
- Ear Infection
- Asthma Attacks
- Pneumonia
- Bronchitis

**Diseases Caused by Exposure to Secondhand Smoke**

**Effects on Reproductive Health**
- Smoking harms many aspects and every phase of reproduction.
- Women who smoke are at an increased risk for cervical cancer and infertility.
- Men who smoke are at an increased risk for erectile dysfunction.
- Once pregnant, women who smoke are about twice as likely to experience complications.
- Smoking during pregnancy causes health problems for both mothers and babies, such as pregnancy complications, premature birth, low birth weight infants, stillbirth, and infant death. Low birth weight is a leading cause of infant deaths.
HEART DISEASE MORTALITY
Persons Age 45 to 84
2004 - 2006 Age-Specific Mortality Rates

LUNG CANCER MORTALITY
2004 - 2006 Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates

STROKE MORTALITY
2004 - 2006 Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD) MORTALITY
2004 - 2006 Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates

State and National Rates from CDC Wonder
County of Residence unknown for 3 cases

2005 National Rate = 52.6
2005 State Rate = 62.6

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates
Per 100,000 Population
At or Below National Rate
Quartile 1 (53.3 - 58.5)
Quartile 2 (58.6 - 62.7)
Quartile 3 (62.8 - 116.3)
State and National Rates from CDC Wonder
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2005 National Rate = 36.7
2005 State Rate = 54.6

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates
Per 100,000 Population
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At or Below National Rate
Quartile 1 (37.3 - 45.5)
Quartile 2 (45.6 - 51.2)
Quartile 3 (51.3 - 62.4)
Quartile 4 (58.5 - 86.5)
State and National Rates from CDC Wonder
County of Residence unknown for 3 cases

2005 National Rate = 373.7
2005 State Rate = 493.9

Age-Specific Mortality Rates
Per 100,000 Population
At or Below National Rate
Quartile 1 (383.6 - 478.5)
Quartile 2 (478.6 - 535.4)
Quartile 3 (535.5 - 603.7)
Quartile 4 (603.8 - 903.3)
State and National Rates from CDC Wonder
County of Residence unknown for 5 cases

2005 National Rate = 46.6
2005 State Rate = 58.2

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates
Per 100,000 Population
At or Below National Rate
Quartile 1 (47.1 - 51.7)
Quartile 2 (51.8 - 58.5)
Quartile 3 (58.6 - 62.7)
Quartile 4 (62.8 - 116.3)
State and National Rates from CDC Wonder
County of Residence unknown for 3 cases
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### Health & Economic Toll of Smoking in Oklahoma

**Deaths in Oklahoma caused by smoking**
- Number of Oklahoma smokers who die each year as a result of smoking: 5,800
- Youth aged 0–17, alive today, who will die from smoking in the future: 87,000
- Number of Oklahoma non-smokers who die each year from secondhand smoke: 700

**Annual costs incurred in Oklahoma from smoking**
- Total medical: $1.162 billion
- Total Medicaid: $218 million
- Lost productivity from premature death: $1.556 billion

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**On average, smokers have 50 percent more missed workdays than non-smokers.**

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<td>Tobacco use costs every Oklahoman every year whether they use tobacco products or not</td>
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The Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) was established through a constitutional amendment overwhelmingly approved by Oklahoma voters. While most state governments have failed to keep their promise to use tobacco settlement funds for tobacco prevention and other programs to improve health, Oklahomans have created an endowment to assure that funds will be available for these purposes for generations to come. The top priority of the TSET Board of Directors is to help accomplish this State Plan.
In the epidemiology model of disease, the host (the tobacco user or susceptible user and the nonuser exposed to secondhand smoke) interacts with the agent (the cigarette or other tobacco product), delivered through a vector (the tobacco companies, wholesalers, distributors and retailers), in a supportive and reinforcing environment that includes social, cultural, historical, political and marketing facilitators and influencers.

For tobacco, all these factors work together to create addiction, disease, and premature death.

To reduce tobacco use and the addiction, disease, and premature death it causes, Oklahomans must intervene on all these fronts by:

- Dismantling the environmental structures that support and promote tobacco use
- Preventing the susceptible host from initiating tobacco use
- Motivating the user to quit
- Protecting the nonuser from secondhand smoke
- Modifying the agent and constraining the vector are areas we will have to address in order to make additional progress

To effectively curtail tobacco use, we must provide cessation resources and an environment supportive to quitting for good. Most tobacco users want to quit and have attempted to quit many times.

When young people don’t start tobacco use, addictions will gradually decline, eventually eliminating the problem. Adults must first set a good example for youth.

There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke but there are immediate and long-term health benefits from 100% smokefree, healthy environments. Every Oklahoman deserves a smokefree workplace.
**TARGET OUTCOMES**

**Cessation**

Reduce cigarette smoking by adults.

- **All Adults:** 24.7 percent
  - Caucasian: 23.9 percent
  - African American: 31.8 percent
  - American Indian: 31.1 percent
  - Hispanic: 22.4 percent
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*Source: 2008 Oklahoma Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System*

Reduce annual per capita consumption of cigarettes.

- **All Adults:** 85.8 packs per capita per year
- **Caucasian:** 9.8 percent
- **African American:** 34.6 packs per capita per year
- **American Indian:** 19.7 percent
- **Hispanic:** 69.2 packs per capita per year

*Source: Oklahoma Tax Commission*

**Prevention**

Reduce tobacco use by high school students.

- **Any Form:** 32.8 percent
  - Cigarettes: 23.4 percent
  - Spit Tobacco: 11.9 percent
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*Source: 2007 Oklahoma Youth Tobacco Survey*

Reduce tobacco use by middle school students.

- **Any Form:** 14.8 percent
  - Cigarettes: 7.5 percent
  - Spit Tobacco: 4.5 percent
  - Cigars: 6.0 percent
- **Spit Tobacco:** 4.5 percent
- **Cigars:** 6.0 percent

*Source: 2007 Oklahoma Youth Tobacco Survey*

**Protection**

Increase the number of Oklahoma households that have smokefree home policies.

- **74.3 percent**
  - **Source:** 2008 Oklahoma Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
- **85.0 percent**
- **95.0 percent**

Increase the proportion of Oklahoma adult workers reporting smokefree policies for work areas and for public areas at their worksites.

- **Work Areas:** 87.3 percent
  - Public Areas: 83.0 percent
  - All Areas: 79.9 percent
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*Source: 2009 Oklahoma Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System*

**PROGRESS TO DATE**

**SMOKING STATUS among Oklahoma adults**

- **Current Smokers**
- **Former Smokers**

**CIGARETTE SALES IN PACKS per capita**

**CURRENT SMOKERS among high school students**

- **Oklahoma**
- **United States**

**CURRENT SMOKERS among middle school students**

- **Oklahoma**
- **United States**

**SMOKEFREE indoor workplaces in Oklahoma**

**SMOKEFREE home policies in Oklahoma**

- **01'**
- **02'**
- **03'**
- **04'**
- **05'**
- **06'**
- **07'**
- **08'**
The tobacco industry is constantly creating new, more clever ways to target young people.

Groundbreaking laws and programs have begun to have an effect on the health of many Oklahomans. We’ve influenced people in every area--in all walks of life. But there’s much left to do. Here’s a review of some of the newest challenges:

**Raising Prices to Reduce Use**

Thanks to an increase in excise tax, we’re making the cost of tobacco products higher—which studies have shown have reduced purchases. Although our excise tax has been increased, other states have raised theirs as well and cigarettes with very low tax rates are still available through some Tribal retail outlets in parts of the state.

**Protecting ALL Workers**

Our 2003 state smoking law was a good start. But since that time, Oklahoma has been surpassed by other states, cities, and countries. Nearly 50% of the U.S. population is protected from exposure to secondhand smoke by local or state laws covering all restaurants and bars.

We’ve proven there’s no negative economic impact. It’s time for Oklahoma to strengthen its laws and protect all workers from exposure to secondhand smoke.

**Focusing on Health**

We need to get more creative in our general messages – we have to get the attention of the public with studies and relevant information. We must keep policymakers centered on the health issues related to tobacco and use the data we have to reinforce our message. And we must use that data to create even more opportunities to tell the story of the harmful effects of tobacco – keeping the focus on health.

**Staying Alert & Fighting Back**

All of our goals and objectives must challenge tobacco industry strategies. When they up the stakes, we have to respond. The tobacco industry is increasing its efforts, targeting more youth, young adults, and minorities. We must realize that the tobacco industry, to protect its livelihood, will find new ways to target the population and change its social image. They are constantly creating new, more clever ways to target young people.

Discouraging ALL Tobacco Use

“Spit” or smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking despite increasing messages coming from the tobacco industry encouraging smokers to use these products when they can’t smoke. These messages are intended to keep people from fully recovering from addiction to nicotine and to hamper cessation efforts. These and other “alternative products” must be addressed.

**Recognizing Communities as Leaders**

As a state, we have to empower our communities to lead the way. The 1987 tobacco industry strategy that took away or “preempted” local control over tobacco policy in Oklahoma communities is holding us back and must be repealed.

Getting everyone “on the bandwagon,” from local and state policymakers to health systems to youth involved in SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco), to all sectors of the community, makes us a united force—a force that can make even more progress in improving the health of every Oklahoman in the years to come.
Tribal nations are sovereign governments, recognized in the U.S. Constitution and by the State of Oklahoma.

The tobacco plant is considered a sacred gift with traditional uses specific to each tribe, each very different from commercial tobacco use.

Collaboration with Tribal Nations

This State Plan would not be complete without acknowledging the special relationship between the State of Oklahoma and American Indians. Traditional use of sacred tobacco must be recognized and addressed when shaping meaningful, culturally appropriate tobacco control programs and policies in American Indian communities.

It is critical to the success of the State Plan for the State of Oklahoma and local governments to work collaboratively with Oklahoma’s Tribal Nations. While the State of Oklahoma recognizes the sovereign status of Oklahoma’s Tribal Nations, the State Plan provides a unique reference tool to identify areas of potential cooperation to address tobacco control within Tribal jurisdictions.

COMMUNITY ACTION IS KEY

A total of 38 counties and three Tribal Nations are served by the Communities of Excellence program funded by the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust. These local coalitions have completed a rigorous strategic planning process to reduce tobacco use throughout their communities.

Over 60 communities participate in the Oklahoma Turning Point Initiative. Turning Point starts with broad community support and participation in public health priority-setting and action, engaging and linking affected people at the local level.

Communities Lead the Way

Community partners educate government officials and policymakers at the state and local level to increase the visibility of tobacco control successes, build support for tobacco control action, and increase knowledge about evidence-based tobacco control strategies.

Community partners advocate with organizations and institutions, including tobacco retailers, health care organizations, school boards, and parks and recreation officials to adopt policies and resolutions to prevent and reduce tobacco use and promote the tobacco-free norm.

Community partners build support among community members for tobacco control action, stimulate community demand for tobacco control policies, and demonstrate support for tobacco control initiatives.

Community partners educate health care administrators and providers, insurers and employers, and government officials and policy makers to increase provision of and coverage for tobacco dependence treatment.

Community partners work to increase demand for cessation services and promote use of the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline.

Local news coverage of tobacco prevention events support efforts to advance tobacco control by educating the community and key community members and keeping the tobacco problem on the public agenda.
KEY ACTIVITIES

- Increase the number of health care systems that effectively implement national guidelines for treating tobacco dependence
- Advance tobacco-free policies and provision of tobacco dependence treatment in all health and mental health care settings
- Support employer provision and promotion of tobacco dependence treatment for employees and adoption of tobacco-free workplace properties
- Increase the number of health insurance plans that provide comprehensive coverage of tobacco dependence treatment
- Expand and sustain efforts to promote the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

NEEDS OF SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Cessation

- Reduce smoking rates among African Americans, American Indians, blue collar workers, LGBTQ populations, consumers of mental health/substance abuse services, and post-deployment military personnel
- Increase Helpline calls from men, spit tobacco users, and Latinos
- Reduce lung cancer rates among African American men
- Increase accessibility to Helpline services for the deaf and hard of hearing

Prevention

- Increase the number of counties with comprehensive, community-based tobacco prevention programs
- Increase the use of research-based tobacco use prevention curricula in grades K-12
- Reduce youth access to tobacco by ensuring compliance with laws/ordinances/Tribal policies
- Advance tobacco-free policies and reduce social acceptability of tobacco use among Oklahomans
- Strengthen public and private policies to counter tobacco-industry marketing tactics

- Decrease initiation of tobacco use among American Indian youth
- Reduce spit tobacco use among high school boys
- Decrease initiation of tobacco use among girls motivated by weight concerns
- Strengthen protective factors among high-risk youth, including opportunities for youth participation/leadership and interaction with adult role models

Protection

- Increase compliance with secondhand smoke laws
- Educate the public and employers about the health effects of secondhand smoke
- Increase the number of smokefree workplaces
- Repeal the secondhand smoke preemption clause to enable cities to adopt stronger ordinances
- Encourage voluntary adoption of home and auto smokefree policies

- Reduce the proportion of children whose parents or caregivers smoke in homes or cars
- Reduce the number of bar workers, hotel workers, and restaurant workers exposed to secondhand smoke in the workplace
- Encourage and support voluntary smokefree policies at businesses and facilities of Oklahoma’s 39 federally-recognized Tribal Nations
- Reduce secondhand smoke exposure among pregnant women
- Increase the proportion of residents of multi-unit housing with access to smokefree buildings

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STATE & LOCAL POLICY NEEDS

State-Level

- Extend state law to eliminate smoking in all indoor public places and workplaces.
- Return the rights of Oklahoma communities to adopt tobacco-related ordinances stronger than state law, as allowed in all neighboring states.
- Protect funding for tobacco control programs. Reject any proposal to limit the current constitutional authority of the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust.
- Prohibit use of driver’s license scanning data for marketing of tobacco products.
- Prohibit all free sampling of tobacco products.
- Further increase the state excise taxes on tobacco products.
- Collaborate on tobacco control policy with Tribal Nations in a manner that recognizes the sovereign status of Tribal Nations.

Local-Level

- Adopt prevention of youth access to tobacco ordinances that most effectively utilize the limited local powers permitted under current state law.
- Adopt clean indoor air ordinances that most effectively utilize the limited local powers permitted under current state law.
- Seek voluntary smokefree/tobacco-free policies.
- Collaborate on tobacco control policy with Tribal Nations in a manner that recognizes the sovereign status of Tribal Nations.

EVERY OKLAHOMAN CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Smokers and Non-Smokers

- Make your homes and cars tobacco-free
- Refuse tobacco industry sponsorship of events and refuse tobacco industry-sponsored materials or magazines in your offices or classrooms
- Call the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW and encourage your loved ones to call
- Encourage your elected officials to support strong public policy that will protect the public and workers from secondhand smoke, and prevent initiation of tobacco use
- Join a coalition and make a difference in your community

Health Care Professionals

- Ask your patients about tobacco use
- Advise them to quit
- Refer them for coaching and support
- Prescribe or recommend cessation medications
- Follow-up at subsequent visits

Business Owners and Managers

- Become an Oklahoma Certified Healthy Business
- Establish a tobacco-free property policy for your business, indoors and outdoors
- Offer smoking cessation to your employees through insurance coverage or wellness programs
- Promote the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline 1-800-QUIT-NOW
- Sponsor a local coalition’s activities or events

School Boards, Faculty and Staff, Parents and Students

- Join together to adopt 24/7 tobacco-free campus policies that include sporting and other events
- Make time to integrate tobacco prevention into the core curriculum
- Support a Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) team by sponsoring activities, becoming an adult facilitator, or joining up and getting your friends involved

City Councils, Community Leaders, and Concerned Citizens

- Join together to pass strong local ordinances and voluntary policies to protect the public and workers from secondhand smoke, and prevent initiation of tobacco use
- Sponsor a local coalition’s activities or events
The Oklahoma Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee wishes to thank the multitude of community and state partners for their commitment and dedication to reduce death and disease caused by tobacco use. This State Plan, last revised in April 2009, is hereby respectfully submitted to state leaders and to all the people of the Great State of Oklahoma.

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Oklahoma SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco)  www.okswat.com

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