



Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, Inc.

Who We Are:

A statewide alliance of health, medical, education, parent, youth, law enforcement, health coalitions and individuals advocating for laws, policies and funding of proven programs to significantly reduce tobacco use and addiction, especially among children and high-risk populations.

What The Goals Are:

To prevent children from beginning a lifelong addiction to tobacco. To help those who want to quit using tobacco products. To protect Kansans from exposure to secondhand smoke. To protect and assist those populations disparately affected by tobacco use.

What Has Been Accomplished:

Since the early 1990's, Coalition members have collaborated to provide leadership in tobacco control policy development at the state and local level. The Coalition has been instrumental in gaining many landmark policy victories in Kansas, including state laws that:

- Restrict youth access to tobacco.
- Increase the state cigarette excise tax.
- Allocate state funds, as they are made available, to an evidenced-based tobacco-use prevention and cessation program.
- Protect the rights of communities to set their own health standards to reduce tobacco use.
- Local coalition members have worked to establish prevention and cessation programs in communities across Kansas, including community-wide and private businesses and government policies to provide smokefree air.

What Are The Benefits Of Membership:

- Technical assistance and support for local tobacco-related programs and policy issues.
- Access to current federal, state and local tobacco-related health issues.
- Informational mailings and alerts.
- Participation in planning tobacco-use prevention activities.
- Statewide conferences, trainings and networking opportunities.
- Opportunity to influence policies to reduce tobacco consumption and tobacco-use prevalence rates.

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