

Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition E-Newsletter

Supporting Tobacco Control for Kansas

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TFKC is on the Move

The Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition Office is moving from the former American Lung Association building to the lower level of the American Heart Association building at 5375 SW 7th St., Topeka, KS 66606. This is west of Fairlawn Road on 7th ("behind" the Holidome).



The telephone numbers and e-mail address will not change. However, the fax number may be changed. That information and the suite number at AHA will be relayed soon.

Grand Funding Available for Smokeless Projects

The Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition and TASK, the statewide youth movement against tobacco, are providing additional grant funding from the Sunflower Foundation for a "Smokeless Does Not Mean Harmless" project to increase youth knowledge and reduce usage of spit tobacco in Kansas. To achieve these goals TFKC will award mini-grants to youth groups to implement grassroots and media strategies through March 15, 2008. Grant proposals must be submitted by December 21, 2007.

Kansas currently has a higher than average use of spit tobacco. According to the 2007 Kansas Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 16 percent of Kansas high school males report currently using spit tobacco. The estimated national prevalence is 13.6 percent among high school males. According to the 2005/06 Youth Tobacco Survey, more than one out of four students who participated in the survey reported that they think smokeless tobacco is a safe alternative to cigarettes or they do not whether smokeless tobacco is a safe alternative. This misperception emphasizes a need for

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increased knowledge about smokeless tobacco.

To help reduce these prevalence statistics “Smokeless Does Not Mean Harmless” mini-grants of \$500 to \$1,500 will be awarded to established youth groups in Kansas. Grant activities will focus on youth empowerment and support of local youth groups; community awareness and mobilization on the issue of spit tobacco; media and counter-marketing to reduce spit tobacco use; and policy initiatives for tobacco-free sporting events, school events and other community activities.

Youth groups associated with schools, churches, teen centers, community groups or other health and prevention agencies can obtain application information from the TASK Web site at www.kstask.org.

Funding for this project was provided by the Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans, a Topeka-based philanthropic organization with the mission to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans. This project involves collaboration between the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Tobacco Use Prevention Program and TASK.

KAFP Receives Funding for Tobacco Control

The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians-Foundation (KAFP-F) has been awarded a Recognition Grant in the amount of \$25,000 by the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF). The project grant is to be used for support efforts aimed at preventing initiation of tobacco use.

KAFP-F has earmarked 84 percent of the funds to plan and implement the 2008 Kansas Tobacco Summit of the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition to highlight successful strategies and programs that free

youth and adults from the damage and health costs caused by tobacco use in the state. The remainder will be used to enhance the 2008 Kansas Tar Wars program by providing prizes and a State Poster Contest at the Statehouse for fourth and fifth graders learning about the health implications of tobacco.

Save the Date

January 24, 2008 – Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition will hold its yearly legislative update in Topeka with opportunities to visit with legislators on issues including a smokefree state law, increased tobacco taxes, allocation of the bonus funds from the Master Settlement Agreement, insurance coverage of cessation, implementation of the Comprehensive Cancer Plan, etc. Time, exact location and agenda will be announced in the next month.

January 31, 2008 – Pre-bidder’s Training in Salina for the Chronic Disease Risk Reduction (CDRR) grant opportunity from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Anyone planning to apply for an SFY 2009 CDRR grant is strongly encouraged to attend. Training will include review of grant application, grant writing tips and networking. Registration form and training details will be available soon. A minimal registration fee will be required. For additional information, contact Ginger Park, Media and Policy Coordinator, Kansas Tobacco Use Prevention Program, KDHE, 785-296-1118, gpark@kdhe.state.ks.us

Internet Tobacco Control and Health Resource Links

Regional

Clean Air Kansas City

Clean Air Lawrence

Clean Air Manhattan

Reno County Tobacco
Coalition

Central Kansas Foundation
(Salina)

Tobacco Free Wichita

State

KDHE Tobacco Use
Prevention

TASK

Cancer Kansas

It's Everybody's Business

Kansas Association of Local
Health Departments

Kansas Public Health
Association

Kansas Health Institute

National

CDC Tobacco & Health
Tobacco.Org

Americans for Non-Smokers
Rights

Campaign for Tobacco Free
Kids

Tobacco Control Network

American Cancer Society

American Heart Association

American Lung Association

National Cancer Institute



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