

Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition

E-Newsletter

Supporting Tobacco Control for Kansas

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Welcome to the TFKC E-Newsletter for those interested or involved in tobacco control in Kansas. We would like to hear your comments and ideas for future issues. See the “Sign Up” information on the previous page to receive this e-newsletter every month.

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Visit our “new” Web site

Please check out the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition Web site, which has been updated to provide more information and to set the framework for adding additional information and sources. More materials and resources, particularly under the tools and media sections, will be added over the next couple months.

Please review the revised Web site and give us your suggestions as to what else should or could be added or changed. We want the Web site to be user friendly — and respond to the needs of the tobacco free advocates.

Impact Training in Concordia

Cloud County will sponsor impact trainings for high school age youth on March 8 and March 15 in Concordia. This training is open to schools state wide with limited space.

Contact with any questions: Diane McNichols, RN, Health Education, Cloud County Health Dept., 1010 3rd Ave, Concordia, KS 66901 785-243-8140 dmcnichols@cloudcountyks.org.

Clean Air Summit - KC

Share smokefree successes with organizations from around the Kansas City metro area and receive valuable information and resources to make your community smoke free. Clean Air Summit • May 3 • 9:00 am to noon • St. Joseph Hospital Community Center, Building D, Alex George Auditorium, 1000 Carondelet Drive, Kansas City, MO. For more information, contact lindsay@cleanairkc.com or 913-652-1927.

Trial Memberships Approved

The TFKC membership voted to approve the recommendation of the Membership Committee and Board of Directors to offer potential applicants for membership a one-year free membership.

If you know someone who is interested in TFKC, this gives them the opportunity to learn about the organization with no obligation for the first year. For additional information about membership in TFKC, please visit the Web site.

Legislative Update

HB 2739 (tobacco free hospital grounds)

HB 2552 (would ban flavored cigarettes)

HB 2552 and HB 2739 did not survive the Legislature's "turnaround day" (voted out of the chamber of origin) for the 2006 session. Neither bill was forwarded to the Senate for further action and, thus, are considered dead. For more information on legislation status, please go to the Kansas Legislature's Web Site.

States Stubbing Out Smoking

From *Newsweek* (February 27, 2006): Nationwide, a dozen states have passed comprehensive nonsmokers' rights laws. Measures are being considered in Colorado, Maryland and South Carolina. The Virginia Senate approved a statewide smoking ban in bars, restaurant and most public enclosed places.

In 18 states, smoking can be raised in child-custody disputes. England just voted to ban indoor smoking.

It's Everybody's Business Grants

SRS has awarded grants under the *It's Everybody's Business* program to help communities and businesses improve Kansas' compliance with reducing youth access to tobacco. Grantees are:

- Reno County Health Department
- Barton County Health Department
- Linn County Children's Coalition (Bourbon & Linn Counties)
- Pawnee Mental Health Services (Riley & Pottawatomie Counties)
- Smoky Hill Foundation for Chemical Dependency, Inc. (Ellis, Graham, Norton, Phillips, Rooks, Russell & Trego Counties)



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- Johnson County Mental
- Health Center (Johnson, Miami & Leavenworth Counties)
- Cloud County Health Department
- Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services (Shawnee County)
- Emporians for Drug Awareness, Inc. (Lyon County)
- Regional Prevention Center of Wichita/Sedgwick County
- DCCCA, Inc. (Franklin & Douglas Counties)
- Kansas City, Kansas, Community College (Wyandotte County)

TFKC Nominating Committee

The TFKC Nominating Committee is at work to select a slate of offices and regional representatives for the next years. The committee members are Joan Smith (Manhattan/Riley County Health Dept.), Judy Keller (American Lung Association) and Julia Francisco (KDHE).

If you have any suggestions for the Nominating Committee, please give them to a committee member or to Mary Jayne Hellebust, TFKC Executive Director.

Kansas at Symposium

Jena Morgan, Program Assistant with KDHE's Tobacco Use Prevention Program in Wichita, will participate in a panel at the 5th National Tobacco Symposium for Young Adults. The Symposium is March 30-31 in Raleigh, NC.

Her presentation is entitled *Thinkers, Doers, Movers, "SHOCKERS" - Fighting Big Tobacco In Kansas*. It will show the how the expertise of a college student was utilized to develop a communication plan, promote collaboration and gather research to reduce tobacco use among college students in Kansas. Monthly reports indicate individuals aged 17-24 with some college education accounts for 4% of calls to the Kansas Quitline. Big Tobacco focuses money and attention on the legal audience of college students. To combat increasing promotion and consumption of tobacco among college students, it is imperative to promote cessation and encourage policy change. A handbook containing information regarding program development, step-by- step instructions and examples has been developed and will be distributed for program participants.

Save the Date

Regional Network Training *** Programs will include speakers on coalition building and maintenance, on clean indoor air and youth access and on projects across the state.

- March 15 - Lawrence



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- March 16 - Girard
- March 28 - Garden City
- March 30 - Hays

Contact mjhellebust@tobaccofreekansas.org for more information.

Clean Air Strike Training - April 19, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Atchison Heritage Conference Center (710 S 9th St) free training for high schools in Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson and Nemaha Counties to help students advocate for a tobacco free lifestyle. Anyone can attend. Contact the NEK Tobacco Use Prevention Program for information at riverbluff@directway.com.

Kick Butts Day - April 5, 2006

13th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health - July 12-15, 2006, Washington, DC