



## Secondhand Smoke Protections in Tribal Communities

### Mission and Core Values

To provide commercial tobacco secondhand smoke awareness and resources to New Mexico tribal communities, improving health outcomes.

Respect, Culture, Family Responsibility to Community, Humility, Health, Love, Empowerment, Sustainability, and Community

## Tobacco in the News

### Smoking in public housing about to get 'snuffed out'

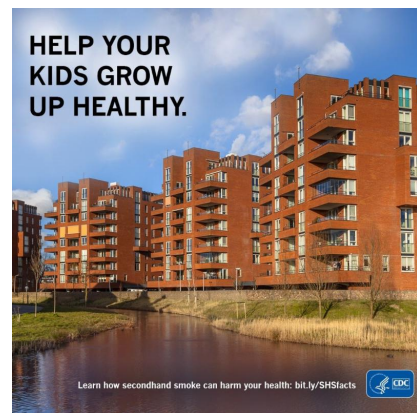
A [nationwide ban](#) on smoking in public housing facilities will take effect at the end of July, nearly two years after the rule was passed. Starting July 31, U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will prohibit the use of cigarettes, cigars and pipes in all public housing units and common areas, as well as any outdoor area within 25 feet of public housing grounds. The ban does not apply to e-cigarettes, snuff and chewing tobacco, although there may be restrictions on those in some areas.

HUD says about 228,000 public housing units under more than 600 local agencies have already gone smoke-free, and the new rule will wipe out smoking in more than 940,000 other units. Under HUD rules, tenants can be evicted after three smoking violations.

The ban was passed under the Obama administration [in November 2016](#). HUD said the new policy would reduce health hazards from secondhand smoke and encourage residents to [quit smoking](#).

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) estimated in 2014 that the smoking ban would save government housing agencies \$153 million a year in repairs and health care costs, including \$16 million for costs tied to smoking-related fires.

For those who want help to quit smoking, officials recommend calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) toll-free to talk to a trained coach or go to [www.smokefree.gov](http://www.smokefree.gov).



## Take Action - Share Your Story

### New Mexico Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee

The Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee (TSROC) was established to provide statutory oversight for the programs that request and receive funding through the [Tobacco Settlement Program Fund](#). The committee receives testimony regarding the balances in and projected revenues for both the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund.

During the 2018 TSROC meetings, the committee will:

1. Review the status of the revenue for current and future fiscal years and reserves for the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund
2. Receive testimony regarding tobacco settlement-related issues, litigation and legislation

3. Receive testimony regarding the use of the appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund by those programs recommended by the committee and funded by the legislature in prior years
4. Prepare recommendations to the Legislative Finance Committee for program funding levels for fiscal year 2020, based on the committee's program evaluation process
5. Make findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, available to the legislature as part of the TSROC's final report.

**Upcoming TSROC meetings where you can attend to listen, learn, and share your testimony:**

Monday, August 13, The Roundhouse, Santa Fe

Monday, August 20, the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

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## Event Calendar

### Pueblo Crossroads - Acoma MUD Run



Pueblos working together to promote health and wellness through a series of fun runs/walks!

**When:** Saturday, August 4, 2018

**Where:** McCarty's Baseball Field

**Onsite Registration:** 9:30 AM

**Start time:** 10:00 AM

Contact Jeremy Chino at 505-552-5134, [jchino@puebloofacoma.org](mailto:jchino@puebloofacoma.org)

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