



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

Senators Introduce Legislation to Restrict the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products Targeted to Youth

Washington, D.C. - Senators Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) introduced legislation today that would prohibit the sale of most flavored tobacco products targeted to youth. While the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act of 2009 prohibited the use of flavors in cigarettes, except for menthol, flavors have flourished in other combustible, non-combustible and smokeless tobacco products in recent years.



A statement from Chris Hansen, president of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), regarding the introduction of the legislation follows:

"We know that candy and fruit-flavored tobacco products are a tool Big Tobacco uses to lure our nation's youth into a lifetime of addiction. The rising trend of adolescent use of flavored tobacco products, especially in e-cigarettes and cigars, is troubling and must be addressed. We commend Senators Durbin and Murkowski for their leadership in introducing this legislation and helping protect kids from the industry's deadly marketing practices.

"We urge Congress to move swiftly to pass this legislation. Stopping the tobacco industry from hooking another generation of Americans on their deadly products should be a top priority for lawmakers and ACS CAN looks forward to working in support of this legislation. We will also continue to press the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to end menthol flavoring in cigarettes, which is known to play a damaging role in youth initiation of smoking."

The above article is from American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's [Press Room](#).

Tobacco Control Network Webinar

Ask the Experts: Smoke-Free Housing on Tribal Lands

Date: Thursday, August 16

Time: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM MST



Indoor tobacco use is a public health and safety hazard. It exposes people to harmful chemicals through second and thirdhand smoke; and in homes, it increases the likelihood of fire and property damage. Multi-unit public housing is no exception. **Smoke can travel through doorways, cracks in walls, electrical lines, and plumbing and ventilation systems,**

affecting the whole community. For this reason, tribal advocacy groups, governments, and housing authorities are increasingly moving towards smoke-free housing, which is now a national standard following HUD's Smoke-free Public Housing Rule that came into effect on July 31, 2018.

Join ASTHO for a virtual session that will bring together panelists from tribes, states, national networks, and federal agencies to share **successes and lessons learned in creating and sustaining smoke-free public housing policies in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.**

To build a moderated conversation, participants are asked to submit up to two questions when they register. This provides a platform for questions about existing initiatives and future partnership opportunities to promote and sustain transitions to smoke-free public housing policies on tribal lands.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

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

Event Calendar

Pueblo Crossroads - 21st Annual Commemoration Run

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

What: 5k and 1 mile Fun Walk/Run

When: Thursday, August 9, 2018 5k and 1 mile Fun Walk/Run

Where: Pueblo of Tesuque Plaza

Onsite Registration: 5:00 PM

Start time: 10:00 AM

Contact Gerald Mitchell at 505-670-5471, gmitchell@pueblooftesuque.org



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