



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

Community Success

Santo Domingo recreational space goes tobacco free

The Pueblo of Santo Domingo is taking a big step to protect its youth. In an effort led by tribal member Kandyce Garcia, the community will be designating its baseball and basketball recreational spaces as tobacco free zones. The tobacco free zones are not limited to cigarettes but also include other tobacco products such as e-cigarettes, dip, chew, and dissolvable tobacco.



Kandyce laid all the groundwork including presenting to tribal council, designing the sign and meeting with Santo Domingo's Governor. "I met with Governor Moquino to propose the new signage for the basketball courts," Kandyce said. "He was very supportive and suggested we also hang the signs at the baseball fields!"

Kandyce recalled one tribal member sharing that she did not previously allow her daughter to go to the recreational spaces because older kids are known to smoke e-cigarettes there. It's stories like these that make smoke and tobacco free policies so important.

"These signs are important to prevent the younger kids from using commercial tobacco," Kandyce shared. "The signs limit the acceptability of commercial tobacco use and will hopefully lead to a comprehensive commercial tobacco free policy for the reservation."

Kandyce also hopes the signs will bring awareness to all the tribal members who did not previously know of all the harmful commercial tobacco products that are on the market.

The signs will make their debut on the fields this weekend with a presentation during the youth baseball league's Saturday games. Kandyce has also been collaborating with Alexis Garcia from San Felipe Pueblo to try to help post similar signs at the San Felipe soccer fields.

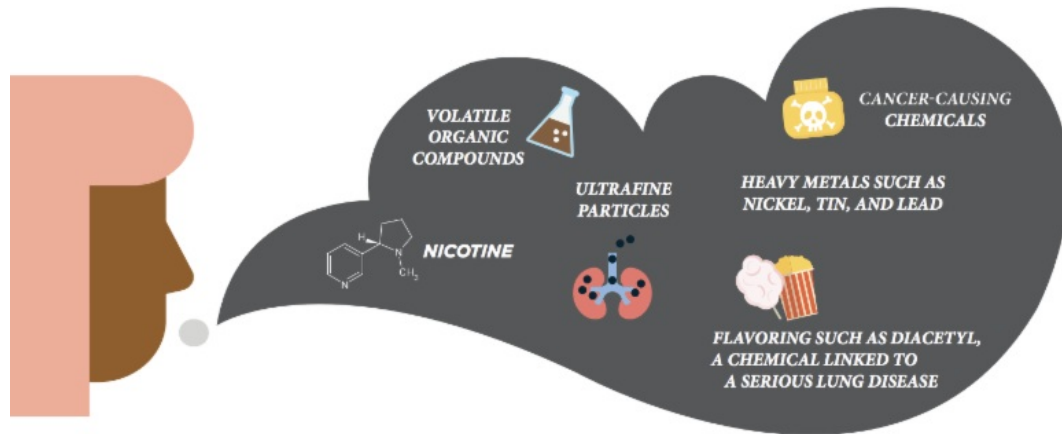
Kandyce is a Community Health Leader and grant recipient of the Smoke Free Signals Community Health Leadership Program. If you are interested in receiving funds to implement a smoke or tobacco free policy in your community, be on the lookout for our next application cycle in July!

Tobacco in the News

New Resource from CDC's Office on Smoking and Health

CDC's Office on Smoking and Health created a new four-page fact sheet, formatted as an infographic, about USB-shaped e-cigarettes. It provides public health messaging about the risks of the products and actions that parents, educators, and health care providers can take to protect kids.

Given widespread reports of a rapid rise in use of these products, this plain-language fact sheet is intended as a resource for parents, teachers and doctors as they work to help prevent e-cigarette use by youth. Click the image below for the full PDF.



Event Calendar

Community Health Summit: The Lifecycle of Commercial Tobacco



Who should attend: All interested in beginning or strengthening their commercial tobacco prevention and cessation programs

When: Wednesday, June 20, 2018
10:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: The Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Auditorium

How to register: <https://nmiadhealthsummit.eventbrite.com>

All who participate in the full training will receive a certificate of completion and be **eligible for 4 self-select CEUS for CCHWs.**

Travel stipends are available on a first registered, first served basis.

Lunch will be provided.

Contact Lesley Stephens with any questions at lstephens@keresnm.com or 505-314-5467

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