

MICHIGAN'S SMOKE-FREE REGULATION TASK FORCE

Purpose: To promote the adoption of smoke-free environments ordinances, regulations and policies across the state of Michigan. A special SMOKE-FREE REGULATION TASK FORCE has been assembled to provide a broad array of assistance to local groups. The team consists of new and existing resources that have been recently coordinated to provide stronger, more flexible and responsive assistance to local groups.

Points of entry to access these resources:

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Smoke-Free Regulation Task Force resources available:

Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Tobacco Section- As part of the MDCH Tobacco Section's responsibility to protect the health of Michigan residents from the dangers caused by secondhand smoke, the Tobacco Section is available to provide the following: information and data support to assist local groups in educating coalition members and the public about secondhand smoke issues; participation in and support of local smoke-free coalitions; education on secondhand smoke and smoke-free policy issues, community organization/strategic planning assistance; regional clean indoor air network support; technical assistance on the implementation and enforcement of Michigan laws related to secondhand smoke.

Smoke-Free Environments Law Project (SFELP) - Under a contract from the MDCH Tobacco Section, the Smoke-Free Environments Law Project is available to provide law-related assistance in the development and adoption of local smoke-free laws and policies. Among the services available are the following: legal research on smoke-free policies issues; provisions of detailed information on secondhand smoke and smoke-free policies issues; strategic planning assistance; assistance in drafting ordinances, regulations and/or policies; provision of expert testimony at hearings; assistance in working with local officials and local legal counsel; and coordination of related resources. See also, www.tcs.org/sfelp/home.htm.

Tobacco-Free Michigan (TFM) Coalition- Under TFM's new SmokeLess States grant from Robert Wood Foundation, a major focus of TFM is the provision of assistance and advocacy to promote the adoption of smoke-free environments laws and policies throughout Michigan. TFM is available to work with local groups and provide the following: assistance in conducting community assessments; media advocacy and/or spokesperson training; assistance in developing relationships with the media; assistance in developing public opinion surveys; mobilization of other TFM members; and outreach to local legislative bodies/local officials. See also, www.tobaccofreemichigan.org

Other available resources:

Diversity Action Committee (DAC)- This committee will consist of representatives from ethnic and disparate populations on the SF Task Force. They will oversee, give guidance and assist in engaging groups to the action when and where there is a local initiative in process.

Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH)- Outreach to local boards of health and local officials.

American Lung Association (ALA)- Training and assistance to communities on public policy and advocacy initiatives, secondhand smoke/indoor air quality, smoking cessation programs, contacts for persons with lung disease, educational materials on secondhand smoke and nicotine addiction.

American Cancer Society (ACS)- Provides assistance with community mobilization, outreach to local officials, education on secondhand smoke issues, and assistance conducting community assessments and surveys.

American Heart Association (AHA)- Provides community mobilization assistance, outreach to local officials, expert testimony at hearings and education on secondhand smoke issues.

Americans For Non-Smokers Rights (ANR)- Provides coalition member/leader training, strategic planning assistance, and education about tobacco industry tactics (via conference calls and organized trainings).