



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

Littlewater Chapter Passes Tobacco-Free Resolution

On January 17, 2019 the Littlewater Chapter passed a resolution adopting the Navajo Nation Tobacco Policy. The success was due to efforts from Chapter Manager, Genevieve Castillo who is currently also serving as a Community Health Leader within the Smoke Free Signals Community Health Leadership Program.

The resolution acted on behalf of the Navajo Nation Executive Order No. 13-2014, "Protecting Navajo Nation Employees Exposure to Commercial Tobacco Products and Secondhand Smoke in the Workplace." It includes a ban of smoking commercial tobacco, use of vaporized cigarettes, and use of smokeless commercial tobacco products within the Chapter House and Headstart and within 25 feet of buildings.

The resolution passed with 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstained. **Congratulations and kudos to the Littlewater Chapter for taking this step for improving community health!**

Are you interested in pursuing a tobacco free policy in your community? [Contact](#) Smoke Free Signals. We can provide free draft policy language, customized signage, and any technical assistance you may need in the process.



Tobacco in the News

FDA pursues order barring specific retailers from selling tobacco products as part of its continuing efforts to target youth tobacco use

On February 7th, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration initiated enforcement action against certain retail locations of Walgreen Co. and Circle K Stores Inc. for repeated violations of restrictions on the sale and distribution of tobacco products, including sales of cigars and menthol cigarettes to minors. The agency filed complaints seeking No-Tobacco-Sale Orders (NTSO), which seek to bar the two specific retail locations from selling tobacco products for 30 days. Notably, **Walgreens is currently the top violator among pharmacies that sell tobacco products**, with 22 percent of the stores inspected having illegally sold tobacco products to minors.

"I will be writing the corporate management of Walgreens and requesting a meeting with them to discuss whether there is a corporate-wide issue related to their stores' non-compliance and put them on notice that FDA is considering additional enforcement avenues to address their record of violative tobacco sales to youth. **We all share the important responsibility of keeping harmful and addictive tobacco products out of the hands of kids.** Retailers in particular - especially those who position themselves as health-and-wellness-minded businesses - are on the frontlines of

these efforts and must take that legal obligation seriously," said FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D.

Read the full story [here](#).

Event Calendar

2019 Tobacco Day at the Capitols

Southwest Tribal Tobacco Coalition Advocacy Meeting

You are invited to be a part of the next Southwest Tribal Tobacco Coalition Meeting on Wednesday **February 20, 2019** in **Santa Fe, NM** from **1 to 6 PM** at the Inn and Spa at Loretto. View the agenda [here](#).



New Mexico Allied Council on Tobacco (NM ACT)

Join **NM ACT** in **Santa Fe** on **February 21st** for its 2019 Day at the Capitol. During this year's 60-day legislative session, and NM ACT is advocating for:



- Increased funding for New Mexico tobacco control programs
- Increase the cigarette tax by \$1.50, and raise tobacco products tax to an equivalent level as the increased cigarette tax
- Ensure Medicaid to cover all FDA-approved cessation medications plus, individual, group, and phone counseling
- Add e-cigarettes to the Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Air Act which will prohibit e-cigarette use in bars, restaurants and most workplaces off of tribal land

The day will begin with **complimentary breakfast, networking, and training** at an area hotel, and then move to The Roundhouse for a press conference. Following the press conference, attendees will conduct legislative visits, and then come back together for a complimentary box lunch and debrief.

[Register here](#). For more information, please contact Suzanne Lawson at suzanne@chronicdiseasenm.org.

The New Mexico Allied Council on Tobacco is a volunteer workgroup of the Chronic Disease Prevention Council of New Mexico.

What now?

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