

# Maine Prevention Services: Tobacco Use & Exposure Prevention Statewide Progress Report April-June 2021

The MaineHealth Center for Tobacco Independence supports tobacco use and exposure prevention services at the State- and local-level as part of the Maine Prevention Services initiative. CTI contracts with District Tobacco Prevention Partners (DTPP) in each of Maine's Public Health Districts for local-level implementation of objectives.

## Objective 1: Prevent Tobacco Initiation (Policy Objective)



Policy Type	# of Policies Passed	Reach
Schools	3	676 Staff & 3,281 Students
Youth Serving Entities	11	273 Staff & 7,410 Youth
Municipalities & Public Places	9	117,209 Residents/Visitors Reached
Licensed Retailers	N/A	26 Retailer Assessments

## Objective 2: Reduce Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (Policy Objective)



Policy Type	# of Policies Passed	Reach
Healthcare Sites	3	5,600 Clients Served & 22 Employees
Multi-Unit Housing	7	311 Buildings, 775 Units, 2,269 Tenants
Workplace	25	35 Buildings & 244 Employees
Behavioral Health	5	9,879 Clients & 228 Employees
Smoke-Free Homes Pledge	N/A	946 Families

## Objective 3: Promote Tobacco Treatment (Training Objective)

### Non-Clinical Outreach:

**134** Social Service Agency & Vet Agency Staff Trained through **15** Trainings

**17** Individuals Referred to the Maine QuitLink



### Sidekicks:

**143** Sidekicks Youth Trained through **8** Trainings

## Quarterly Updates: FMI - CTIMaine.org

### LGBTQ+ Digital Marketing Strategy Launched

The LGBTQ+ community is disproportionately impacted by tobacco use. To support Maine's LGBTQ+ population in being aware of the Maine QuitLink and feeling supported to quit, CTI launched digital ads on Facebook, Instagram, Grindr and Programmatic Display. In July, the effort will extend to include YouTube and TikTok. [Download the Campaign Toolkit.](#)

### CTI Tobacco Treatment and Prevention Conference

CTI's Tobacco Treatment and Prevention Conference took place on June 7-9, 2021. Over 430 people registered for the 2021 conference with representation from several other states as well as a handful of participants from outside the US. With 4 offerings/day, the conference highlighted innovative practices and research in tobacco treatment and control.



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### Community Outreach and Engagement:

- Sacred Tobacco Garden spaces were established in each of the 5 Wabanaki communities
- These sustainable gardens will supply sacred medicine for community gatherings and ceremonies
- The gardens will be maintained by local community caretakers



This strategy reinforces the message that “tobacco is sacred” and provides an opportunity to educate youth and community members

This is a sustainable environmental strategy that reinforces the cultural significance of sacred tobacco and is a protective factor that reduces the risk of substance misuse (SAMHSA Native Connections)



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Policy-type acronyms are defined as the following:

S: School, YSE: Youth Serving Entity, MUNI: Municipality, PP: Public Place, BH: Behavioral Health, HE: Higher Education, WP: Workplace, MUH: Multi-Unit Housing, H: Hospital, HCS: Healthcare Site

### Smoke and Commercial Tobacco-Free Policies Passed:

**No Policies Were Passed This Quarter.**

### Trainings, Presentations and Assessments Completed:

**No Community Partners Participated in Trainings, Presentations, Or Retailer Engagement This Quarter.**

### Third Quarter Success Stories:

In place of District Tobacco Prevention Partner (DTPP) highlights, CTI is providing a link to the third quarter success stories. These stories highlight the achievements, interventions, and strategies each organization has chosen to feature. Success stories complement the Q3 data points as they move beyond the numbers and connect to the work District Partners are doing within their communities.

To view the Q3 District Partner Success Stories: <https://ctimaine.org/facts/tobacco-reports/>

To receive copies of past Quarterly Tobacco Prevention Infrastructure Reports or Success Stories, please email [TobaccoPreventionServices@MaineHealth.org](mailto:TobaccoPreventionServices@MaineHealth.org)



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