

Maine Prevention Services: Tobacco Use & Exposure Prevention Statewide Progress Report July- September 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	2	96 Staff & 771 Students
Youth Serving Entities	7	57 Staff & 2,470 Youth
Municipalities & Public Places	8	86,550 Residents/Visitors Reached
Licensed Retailers	N/A	29 Retailer Assessments

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



Policy Type	# of Policies Passed	Reach
Healthcare Sites	2	6,600 Clients Served & 25 Employees
Hospitals	1	92 Beds & 383 Employees
Multi-Unit Housing	4	29 Buildings, 35 Units, 109 Tenants
Workplace	15	28 Buildings & 240 Employees
Behavioral Health	1	16,000 Clients & 90 Employees
Smoke-Free Homes Pledge	N/A	946 Families

Objective 3: Promote Tobacco Treatment (Training Objective)

Non-Clinical Outreach:

159 Social Service Agency & Vet Agency Staff Trained through **12** Trainings

12 Individuals Referred to the Maine QuitLink



Sidekicks:

5 Sidekicks Youth Trained through **1** Training

Quarterly Updates: FMI - CTIMaine.org

BreatheEasy recognized 32 hospitals, 8 healthcare organizations, and 1 individual gold star champion for the 2021 Gold Star Standards of Excellence program. Communication of the awards will be during the week of the Great American Smokeout (November 18th). To view the full list of awardees go to:

<https://breatheeasymaine.org/gold-star-standards-of-excellence/>

Fall 2021 Virtual Training Opportunities: 11/18/21-Basic Skills Training: The Basic Skills Training is open to all health professionals, prevention professionals, and community members who are interested in learning more about the burden of tobacco and strategies for intervention and treatment.

12/07/21 - 12/10/21-Intensive Skills Training: This skills-focused training will build on knowledge gained in the Treating Tobacco Together: Basic Skills Training. Participants will: Explore the value of a comprehensive tobacco use assessment Learn to develop effective treatment plans Discuss considerations for medication management Review relapse prevention strategies The virtual training will take place over multiple sessions and include pre-work, participation in all sessions will be required to receive CMEs/CEUs. To learn more or register-<https://ctimaine.org/events/>



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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

Fourth Quarter Success Stories:

In place of District Tobacco Prevention Partner (DTPP) highlights, CTI is providing a link to the fourth quarter success stories. These stories highlight the achievements, interventions, and strategies each organization has chosen to feature. Success stories complement the Q4 data points as they move beyond the numbers and connect to the work District Partners are doing within their communities.

To view the Q4 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



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