

Alaska Tobacco Prevention & Control Timeline

A History of Success

TOBACCO-FREE ALASKA

1949

First tax on cigarettes enacted in Alaska

1964

Surgeon General Report on Smoking and Health

1980

Anchorage Health Department Building goes smokefree

1983

Anchorage Clean Indoor Air committee formed

1990

Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) starts cessation programs

1991

Alaska health organizations join to form the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance (ATCA)

1993

Alaska funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1994

Alaska Native Health Board awarded SmokeLess States Program grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

1996

Craig smokefree resolution

1997

Alaska increases state tobacco tax to \$1 per pack

Anchorage \$1 pack tobacco tax

Statewide tobacco tax campaign

Alaska increased tax on other tobacco products from 25% to 75% of wholesale price

1998

Bethel becomes the first Alaska community with smokefree ordinance

Alaska joins Master Settlement Agreement

Metlakatla Indian Community smokefree public places ordinance

Alaska State Legislature restricts tobacco sales to controlled areas behind counters

1999

Alaska State Legislature appropriates \$1.4 million to the American Lung Association for a tobacco cessation, prevention and control program

2000

City of Nunam Iqua smokefree workplace ordinance

4 pilot cessation projects awarded funding through ATCA

Passage of FY 2001 operating budget appropriates \$1.4 million to DHSS for tobacco control program

Alaska State Legislature prohibits sale of single or loose cigarettes and gray or tax-exempt cigarettes

2001

Cessation pilot program begins with 3 communities

Alaska State Legislature creates tobacco cessation education fund

Buckland smokefree public places ordinance

Alaska State Legislature allows substantial increase in penalties and authority to suspend tobacco endorsement for the sale of tobacco to minors

2002

Alaska's Tobacco Quit Line begins service

Juneau public places go smokefree

14 communities across the state are funded by the State of Alaska Tobacco Prevention & Control Program (SOA TPC)

2003

First Tobacco Cessation grant from SOA TPC made available

Youth prevalence down to 19% from 37% in 1995

Effective enforcement reduced illegal tobacco sales to minors from 29% in 1995 to 10%

Kenai/Soldotna smokefree restaurant ordinance

Chenege Bay IRA Council tobacco-free public places resolution

Ekvok Village Council smokefree public places resolution

Native Village of Koyuk smokefree public places resolution

City of Koyuk smokefree public places ordinance

Alaska State Legislature imposes use of cigarette tax stamps and restrictions, and penalties for internet sales and other means of importation

2004

Alaska State Legislature approves a tobacco tax increase to \$2 over a 3 year period

Ketchikan Hospital campus goes smokefree

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corp. campus goes tobacco-free

Native Village of Clark's Point smokefree public places resolution

Gustavus smokefree public places ordinance

Native Village of Ivanof Bay smokefree public places resolution

Native Village of Koliganek smokefree public places resolution

Valdez smokefree work place ordinance

Dena'ina Health Clinic establishes the Kenai cessation program

Barrow passes smokefree air ordinance

Alaska DHSS reports illegal tobacco sales to minors noncompliance rate dropped to 10%, down from 36% in 2001

Alaska State Legislature modifies shipping restrictions and penalties and strengthened violations of stamp act provisions

2005

Mat-Su Borough passes a \$1 per pack tobacco tax

Smokefree ordinance passes in Sitka

Sitka passes a \$1 per pack tobacco tax

Juneau restaurants and workplaces go smokefree

Anchorage Assembly passes a \$1 per pack tobacco tax

Native Village of Chignik Lake smokefree public places resolution

Chitina smokefree public places resolution

Douglas Indian Association smokefree public places resolution

Egegik Tribal Council smokefree public places resolution

Native Village of Nondalton smokefree public places resolution

Native Village of Togiak smokefree public places resolution

Native Village of Levelock smokefree public places resolution

Native Council of Port Heiden smokefree public places resolution

Pedro Bay Village Council smokefree public places resolution

Pilot Point Tribal Council smokefree public places resolution

Native Village of Chignik Lake smokefree resolution

2006

SOA TPC funded at 87% of CDC Recommendations

4 rural clinics/tribal health care centers are funded by SOA TPC to provide tobacco cessation programs

18 Community-based tobacco prevention programs are funded by SOA TPC

Providence Hospital campus goes tobacco-free

Central Peninsula Hospital campus goes tobacco-free

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium adopts tobacco-free campus policy

ANMC adopts tobacco-free campus policy

K-12 school grant program begins

Leadership for Eliminating Alaskan Disparities (LEAD) workgroup developed

2007

Anchorage ordinance passes with comprehensive smokefree workplace law

Kodiak Area Native Association-Providence Medical Campuses in Kodiak go smokefree

Health facilities in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Nome and Mat-Su adopt smokefree campus policies

Norton Sound Health Corporation goes tobacco-free

Chugachmiut Tribal communities implemented smokefree policies

North Pacific Rim Housing Authority adopts smokefree public housing policy

State tobacco tax increase

TPC Cessation Intervention grants are in 6 health systems across the state

Alaska DHSS reports 27,000 fewer adults smokers in Alaska than in 1996, resulting in 7,800 fewer tobacco-related deaths and \$290 million healthcare costs saved in Alaska

Alaska State Legislature limits sale in Alaska of only self-extinguishing cigarettes and modifies procedures to suspend tobacco endorsement for the sale of tobacco to minors

2008

Alaska smokefree housing partnership begins

Alaska School Activities Assoc. TAD Policy implemented statewide

All Anchorage workplaces, including bars, go smokefree

Juneau bars and private clubs go smokefree

Copper River Native Association develops MOAs with Tribes, moves to go smokefree

Petersburg Indian Association adopts smokefree public housing policy

2009

Alaska high school smoking rates drop below US average according to YRBS

Community Grants in 21 communities

Unalaska passes comprehensive smokefree workplace ordinance

Haines passes comprehensive smokefree workplace ordinance

Juneau tobacco tax increased to \$1 pack and 45% Other Tobacco Products (OTP)

Dear Me cessation media campaign begins

Tlingit Haida Housing Authority adopts smokefree public housing policy

Aleutian Housing Authority adopts smokefree public housing policy

Point Hope smokefree public places ordinance

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act signed giving the FDA power to regulate the tobacco industry

2010

Mat-Su School District passes comprehensive smokefree campus policy

All restaurants in Kodiak are voluntarily smokefree

Great for Business smokefree workplace media campaign begins

Petersburg passes comprehensive smokefree workplace ordinance

Cook Inlet Housing Authority adopts smokefree public housing policy

Chevak tobacco-free places resolution

Wrangell School District passes a comprehensive tobacco-free campus policy

Alaska DHSS reports 31,000 fewer adult smokers in Alaska than in 1996, resulting in 8,900 fewer tobacco-related deaths and \$396 million healthcare costs saved in Alaska.

Alaska DHSS reports almost two-thirds of ever smokers have now quit

Federal Affordable Care Act enacted strengthening requirements for tobacco prevention and treatment

2011

Nome passes comprehensive smokefree workplace ordinance

Skagway passes comprehensive smokefree workplace ordinance

Anchorage passes a \$0.75 cigarette tax

Klawock Tribe passes a 7% tax increase in tobacco products

Alaska Federation of Natives passes resolution in support of statewide smokefree workplace policy

Qutekack Native Tribe resolution supporting statewide smokefree workplace law

Village of Solomon resolution supporting statewide smokefree workplace law

Organized Village of Kasaan resolution supporting statewide smokefree workplace law

Qutek Native Tribe resolution supporting statewide smokefree workplace law

Nome Public Schools passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Wrangell School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Native Village of Atka tobacco-free workplace resolution

2012

City of Palmer passes a comprehensive smokefree workplace ordinance

City of Bethel passes a new tobacco tax of \$2 per pack of cigarettes and 45% on OTP

Copper River Native Association passes tobacco-free campus policy

Newtok Traditional Council smokefree workplace resolution

Petersburg Indian Association smokefree workplace resolution

Native Village of Selawik tobacco-free workplace resolution

Village of Kotlik smokefree workplace resolution

Deering IRA Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Native Village of Buckland tobacco-free workplace resolution

Tuntutuliak Traditional Council smokefree workplace resolution

Iliamna Village Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Native Village of Akhiok tobacco-free workplace resolution

Native Village of Kotzebue tobacco-free workplace resolution

Cheesh'na Tribal Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Chilkat Indian Tribe smokefree workplace resolution

Native Village of Nenana tobacco-free workplace resolution

Nunakauyak Traditional Council smokefree workplace resolution

Native Village of Point Hope tobacco-free workplace resolution

Kaguyak Tribal Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Native Village of Kobuk tobacco-free workplace resolution

Skagway Tribal Council smokefree workplace resolution

St. George Traditional Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Native Village of Hyدابurg tobacco-free workplace resolution

Annette Island School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Chugach School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Nenana City School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Mount Edgecumbe High School passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Southwest Region School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Tanana City School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Yakutat School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Aleutians East Borough School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Kodiak Island Borough School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Juneau Borough School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Chatham School District passes a Gold Standard tobacco-free school policy

Anchorage School District strengthens tobacco policy

The Real Cost smokefree workplace mini-campaign begins

Alaska DHSS reports illegal tobacco sales to minors noncompliance rate dropped to 6.5%, down from 10% in 2004

SOA TPC funded at 114% of CDC recommendations

CDC National "Tips From a Former Smoker" campaign begins

2013

Bristol Bay Housing Authority passes smokefree housing policy

Game Plan "quit line demystification" cessation campaign begins

Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor tobacco-free workplace resolution

Clarks Point Traditional Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Curyung Tribal Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Igiugig Village Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Manokotak Village Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Native Council of Port Heiden tobacco-free workplace resolution

Native Village of Kiana tobacco-free workplace resolution

Ugashik Traditional Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Native Village of Goodnews Bay tobacco-free workplace resolution

Atmautluak Traditional Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Native Village of Shungnak tobacco-free workplace resolution

Levelock Village Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Chignik Bay Tribal Council tobacco-free workplace resolution

Aniak Traditional Council tobacco-free workplace resolution