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Mission

Our mission is to improve and protect the health of North Dakotans by reducing the negative health and economic consequences of the state's number-one cause of preventable disease and death – tobacco use.

Goal

Our goal is to reduce disease, disability and death related to tobacco use by:

- ▶ Preventing initiation among young people.
- ▶ Promoting quitting among young people and adults.
- ▶ Eliminating nonsmokers' exposure to secondhand smoke.
- ▶ Identifying and eliminating tobacco-related disparities among specific populations.

Plan

The Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control is working to build a comprehensive approach to preventing and reducing tobacco use in the state. Following the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) model, North Dakota's plan is to achieve its goals through an integrated approach where each component reinforces the other.

Some of the program components used to accomplish this include working to build and support:

- ▶ School programs.
- ▶ Community programs.
- ▶ Cessation programs.
- ▶ A statewide public education campaign.
- ▶ Enforcement of state and local tobacco control laws.
- ▶ Statewide training and technical assistance.
- ▶ Statewide leadership, collaboration and coordination.
- ▶ Program evaluation.
- ▶ Integration with chronic disease prevention and early detection programs.



Programs

Programs within the division include:

Tobacco Prevention and Control Program

This program provides grants, training and technical assistance to 12 local public health units, four American Indian tribes and one Indian service area to support infrastructure and build capacity for tobacco prevention and control efforts in communities and schools.

Community Health Grant Program

This program provides grants to all local public health units for community and school programs to prevent and reduce tobacco use and provide tobacco cessation services.

Tobacco Cessation Programs

- ▶ **City-County Employee Cessation Program** – This program provides grants to cities and counties for tobacco cessation programs.
- ▶ **State Employee Cessation Program** – This program supports a comprehensive cessation program for state employees.
- ▶ **North Dakota Tobacco Quitline** – This free tobacco telephone cessation service provides assistance/counseling to any tobacco user in North Dakota who wants to quit.



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