
OUR MISSION

***To improve the health
and quality of life in
our community by
reducing the use of
tobacco and its
negative impact.***



**For more information or to
join the coalition, contact:**

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Tobacco Prevention Coalition
OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA



WE ARE...

The Tobacco Prevention Coalition is made of concerned community members and representatives of agencies who care about our community's health.

Currently represented agencies include...

- ▶ American Cancer Society
- ▶ Athens Regional Medical Center
- ▶ Northeast Health District— Georgia Public Health
- ▶ Oconee Area Resource Council
- ▶ UGA Department of Health Promotion & Behavior
- ▶ UGA Cooperative Extension Service
- ▶ UGA College of Public Health
- ▶ Concerned Citizens

We always welcome new members from agencies or the community at large.

For information on quitting, please call...



- ▶ **Georgia Tobacco Quit Line**
1-877-270-STOP
- ▶ **Athens Regional Medical Center**
706-475-5620

WORKING ON...

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY SMOKE-FREE AIR ORDINANCE

The TPC worked in 2004-2005 to educate the local commissioners and the general public concerning the dangers of secondhand smoke exposure and the advantages and needs for a local ordinance to protect employees, residents and visitors of Athens-Clarke County.

The TPC currently is working to educate the general public and businesses regarding the local ordinance using multiple media outlets including billboards near downtown and in-bus advertising (bus cards) in Athens Transit and UGA Campus Transit buses. TPC will also be providing materials and signage to local businesses in the coming months.

MINI-GRANTS TO AREA GROUPS FOR TOBACCO EDUCATION

In 2007, the TPC began offering small mini-grants to local schools and groups to facilitate the purchase of tobacco education supplies and materials.

For more information or to obtain an application packet, please visit our website.

SUPPORT CIGARETTE LITTER REDUCTION

The TPC participated in a local committee to reduce cigarette litter in the Downtown Athens area. The committee worked with a group of local designers to develop a custom, eco-

friendly design for cigarette waste disposal. The final design will be installed in the Spring of 2008.

PREVENTION AND CESSATION EDUCATION

The coalition and its partner members will provide materials and resources for tobacco prevention and cessation to local events, organizations or other interested parties.

Some local events we have participated in, include:

- ▶ **Say Boo to Drugs**—sponsored by the Oconee Area Resource Council, Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, Public Health and other local businesses and organizations.
- ▶ **Athens-area Maternity and Baby Fair**—provided information to parents and parents-to-be regarding smoking while pregnant and exposure to secondhand

smoke.

For more information on educational materials or events, visit our website or email us at: tpc@tobaccopreventioncoalition.org

SUPPORTED LOCAL RESEARCH INTO SECONDHAND SMOKE

The coalition has supported research from the UGA College of Public Health that looked at the effects of exposure to secondhand smoke in outdoor spaces.

THE TOBACCO PREVENTION COALITION MEETS MONTHLY ON THE 4TH TUESDAY AT 12NOON.

MEETINGS ARE TYPICALLY HELD AT THE ATHENS OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AT 1684 BARNETT SHOALS RD.