

Youth Action Initiative 2005-2006

Make Smoking History

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Level II Grantees (\$10,000 grants): Policy Promotion Youth Action Projects

Project: "Advocating for a Community-Based Tobacco Permit Limitation Policy"

Group: B.O.L.D. Teens against Tobacco

B.O.L.D. Teens against Tobacco will work for a regulation change in the permitting process for tobacco permits in the City of Boston by 1) conducting research on the process used for giving lottery and alcohol permits to merchants to use as precedents for changing the tobacco permitting process; 2) generating community support in Dorchester for a regulation change; and 3) working with appropriate city agencies and the community to change the current tobacco permitting regulations.

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Project: "Boston Tobacco Advocacy Project"

Group: Boston Tobacco Advocacy Project (BTAP)

The Boston Tobacco Advocacy Project is a collaboration between Sociedad Latina, the Whittier Street Health Center, and the Hyde Square Task Force that employs neighborhood teens as Community Organizers to affect change in their communities. BTAP proposes to work on changing a city zoning ordinance to reduce the amount of tobacco-related advertising in local shops by 1) garnering community support; 2) using media exposure; and 3) meeting with city officials and agencies to make and enforce the changes.

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Project: "Youth Action Research Project to Promote Enforcement and Strengthening of Zoning Regulations"

Group: HOPE Coalition Peer Leadership Program

HOPE Coalition Peer Leadership Program is conducting action research on the distribution of temporary tobacco product advertising at locations that sell tobacco products. They are examining signage patterns by neighborhood, by proximity to schools and school bus stops as well as along public transportation bus routes. They will create a photo-documentary and map of the distribution of the signs which they will share with city officials and agencies as well as the community in an effort to promote the enforcement of the city ordinance.

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HOPE Coalition
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Project: “Teen Advocates Sharing Knowledge about Tobacco”

Group: Teen Advocates Sharing Knowledge about Tobacco (TASK)

Teen Advocates Sharing Knowledge about Tobacco will collaborate with the Malden City Council and the Malden Recreation Department to address policy initiatives that focus on environmental tobacco smoke in public playgrounds. TASK will advocate for stricter regulations and enforcement to protect youth and other community members from second-hand smoke.

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Project: “Local Playground Ordinance”

Group: Teens Against Drug Abuse (TADA)

Teens Against Drug Abuse will lead the initiative develop a city ordinance prohibiting smoking at all city playgrounds and sporting events held on city property. They will do this by 1) developing a media plan to garner community support for this ordinance and 2) working with city officials and agencies to put this law into place.

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Project: “No Tobacco Sales to Minors”

Group: Teens Against Tobacco

Teens Against Tobacco will work on strengthening the local youth access ordinance by changing community norms and policies around the sale of tobacco to minors and youth tobacco use. They will do this by 1) working with city officials and agencies to look at current regulations and make a case for amendments and 2) using media, surveys, and compliance checks to support their case for those amendments and changes.

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Level I Grantees (\$1,400 grants): Community Mobilization and Education Youth Action Projects

These projects have been categorized into three main groups: 1) countering the tobacco industry's marketing; 2) working on restricting youth access to tobacco sales; and 3) curbing secondhand smoke exposure at schools, school sporting events, and in homes. Listed are the names of the youth groups, a youth and adult contact for each group, and their contact information. Also, listed are the region that the group represents and the type of group they are.

Code for Details: XX; YYY

XX: Region (B = Boston; C = Central MA; MW = Metro West; NE = Northeastern MA; SE = Southeastern MA; W = Western MA)

YYY: Type of Group (CBO = community based organization; FBO = faith based organization; SBC = school based club)

Countering the Tobacco Industry's Marketing

Research has shown that media campaigns that disseminate messages countering advertisements by the tobacco industry are effective in preventing initiation of smoking. These projects involve activities such as designing posters, stickers, and public service announcements and other creative advocacy messages.

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Details: W; CBO

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Group: Cambridge Youth Programs

Details: B; CBO

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Group: Castle Square Youth Enrichment Program

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Castle Square Tenants Organization
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Group: Future Nurses and Healthcare Workers Club at Brockton High School

Details: SE; SBC

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Brockton High School
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Group: Getting Involved for Teen Safety(GIFTS)

Details: C; CBO

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LUK Crisis Center
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Group: *Greenfield High School Unity Group*

Details: W; SBC

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Greenfield High School
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Greenfield, MA 01301

Group: *Junior Health Shop at the Pathfinder Regional VoTech High School*

Details: C; SBC

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Group: *North Shore Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (NAGLY)*

Details: NE; CBO

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Group: *Peer Mediators at Wilmington Middle School*

Details: NE; SBC

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Wilmington Middle School
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Group: *SADD at Taunton High School*

Details: SE; SBC

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Details: W; CBO w/ SBC

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REACH Community Health Foundation
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Group: *Teens Against Destructive Actions (TADA) at Hopkins Academy*

Details: W; SBC

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Hopkins Academy
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Group: *Teens Reach Out at Greenwood Family Life Center*

Details: B; CBO

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Greenwood Family Life Center

Group: *Youth Development Program at VACA*

Details: B; CBO

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Group: *Youth Effects at the Family Health Center of Worcester*

Details: C; CBO

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Family Health Center of Worcester, Inc.
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Worcester, MA 01610

Group: *Youth Leaders in Action at the Gandara Center*

Details: W; CBO

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Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Sales

Merchant education and enforcement of youth access regulations are an important part of preventing youth from initiation of smoking. These projects include activities to educate retailers on the regulations and doing StoreAlerts.

Group: *Amesbury High School Peer Leaders*

Details: NE; SBC

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Group: *Dunbar PRIDE, Teen Support Program*

Details: W; CBO

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Dunbar Community Center
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Group: *St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry*

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Group: *South Boston Action Center*

Details: B; CBO

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Group: *SADD at Milford High School*

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Group: *Team TAD (Teens Against Drugs)*

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Group: *Young at Arts Youth Ambassadors*

Details: B; CBO

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South Boston Community Health Center
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Curbing Secondhand Smoke

Environmental, or secondhand, tobacco smoke has been shown to have negative and lasting effects on nonsmokers. These projects include efforts to eliminate secondhand smoke on school grounds, in homes, and in other spaces.

Group: *B.O.L.D. Teens Against Tobacco*

Details: B; CBO

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Group: *Community Service Club at Nashoba Regional High School*

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Group: *National Junior Honor Society at Ford Middle School*

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Group: *Peer Educators at Arlington High School*

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Group: *Provincetown High School Student Athletes*

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Group: *SADD at Chicopee Public Schools*

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