

Success Story Worksheet



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County/Area/Tribe:

Platte/Colfax

Goal Area:

- ☒ Cessation
- ☒ Disparate Populations
- ☒ Secondhand Smoke Exposure
- ☒ Youth Prevention

Individuals/Target Audience:
(who this happened to)

Boone Central Schools, Saint Michael's School, and Boone County Hospital (Health Center)

Setting:
(Where and when this took place)

Public Schools, Private Elementary School, and local hospital (Health Center) in Albion/Boone County

Conflict:
(obstacle, barrier or problem)

The tobacco coalition in Platte/Colfax County extended its reach through an active coalition member in Boone County. Although Boone County is not served by a tobacco coalition or funded by TFN, the Platte/Colfax County coordinator provided Boone County partners with information on tobacco policies and assisted answering questions from the schools and health center boards. Saint Michael's School was concerned with issues of visitors smoking, as the school is connected to the Catholic church and is used for funerals during the week. Coalition members encouraged them to implement a tobacco free policy and use signage to help enforce the policy.

Action:
(what happened)

Platte/Colfax coalition members continued to be a resource and support to the Boone County partners and information on tobacco policies was provided along with assistance answering questions. Using this information, the Boone County coalition member presented to the school and hospital boards and they decided to implement/update their policies. Saint Michael's decided to change their policy after information was presented on tobacco policies at the school's Coordinated School Health Institute. They were encouraged to implement a policy that would be similar to Boone Central as those students who attend their school would later attend the Boone Central High School.

Outcome(s):
(measurable or concrete evidence of change)

Additional work with the local hospital (health center) and schools caused them to implement and amend their tobacco policies to be campus wide. The policies include e-cigarettes and made the grounds 100% tobacco free creating a healthier setting and work environment for all students, staff, patients and visitors to these sites. Coalition members worked with Saint Michael's Elementary School to encourage them to implement a tobacco policy. It was suggested to the school the importance of having a policy similar to the high school since students would later be attending there.

Relevance:
(how this story helps us demonstrate need or measure success)

With new policies in place and being enforced, fewer individuals are exposed to second hand smoke. This creates a healthier environment for all those who utilize or visit these locations. A culture/norm change is occurring with students and visitors not seeing people using tobacco as well as not being exposed to secondhand smoke. Enforcement has not been an issue - the policies are self enforced and the signage at the church has helped with enforcement there also. Its great to see the work that the coalitions are doing in our area being carried over into other counties by individuals who are passionate about health.