Find Groups to Get Input and Guidance

Seek input!

Now more than ever, action to implement a smoke-free policy in your city is critical. To ensure all voices are heard and avoid duplicating efforts, consider reaching out to new groups and people using the sample email provided in the Action Pack.

This list can help you find local voices working on tobacco-free and health equity issues.

These national organizations have local affiliates/chapters in cities across the country. Find the one nearest you and email them for input and guidance:

- Find a The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network group in your state
- Join a American Lung Association Lung Action Network group in your area
- Find local advocates through the American Heart Association's advocacy network
- Find advocates with the American Nonsmoker's Rights Foundation in-person trainings and workshops
- Find a national advocate with the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
- Find a national advocate with the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation's Tobacco Control: Creating a Tobacco-Free Nation group
- Find a local advocate with the Truth Initiative

Finding local-only groups can be a bit more difficult, as they are not affiliated with a national umbrella group. They may not have a website, and may only have social media. Some may have few staff and large volunteer base, while others may have many staff and board of directors.

Here are some examples of local groups:

• Taking Texas Tobacco Free in Austin • The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network in Austin • Tobacco Free CA in Sacramento, CA	• Tobacco Control Resource Center in Maryland • Chicago Quits in Chicago

To find a local group, try these general Google Searches:

Salud America!
Institute for Health Promotion Research (IHPR) at UT Health San Antonio
7411 John Smith Drive, Suite 1000 | San Antonio, TX 78229
210.562.6500 | Fax 210.562.6545 | www.salud-america.org

- “[YOUR CITY] smokefree advocacy group”
- “[YOUR CITY] smoke-free advocacy group”
- “[YOUR CITY] tobacco-free advocacy group”
- “[YOUR CITY] health equity coalition”

You can also use these searches in Facebook to find “Groups” and in Twitter to find “People.”

College professors are also important allies. You can do a Google Search to find local professors who focus on tobacco cessation and lung cancer, social/racial/environmental justice, social/public policy, social epidemiology, Latino/Mexican American studies, urban planning, and more.