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Live Smoke Free



- Program of the Association for Nonsmokers—Minnesota
 Working on smoke-free housing since late 1990's

- Assisted hundreds of property managers in policy adoption, including public housing authorities; private owners; suburban, urban, and rural properties
- Recipient of MN Mentoring Supplement to provide technical assistance to Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grantees
- · Partnering with the Public Health Law Center
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Technical Assistance Team





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Technical Assistance Scope of Work



- Webinar series on the stages of developing a smokefree housing program
- Development of a comprehensive "how-to" training manual for smoke-free housing advocates
- Individual consultations, including site visits, on strategy development, legal issues, and materials
- Coordination of a smoke-free housing training on November 14, 2011, in conjunction with the CPPW "Making it Better" conference in Minneapolis





Webinar Series



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Building Your Smoke-Free Housing Program



Topics Covered Today:

- Three panelists will discuss their experiences with setting up a program
- · Defining policy strategies
- · Setting up tracking systems & web sites
- · Conducting research
- · Conducting outreach





Today's Speakers





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Smoke-Free Housing in Minnesota



- Began receiving calls from renters in mid-1990s
- Funded to begin some work in early-2000s; conducted 4-part research study
- Fully funded in 2007 by MN Dept. of Health
- With fairly stable funding, we have been able to make great strides in our work



SFH Coalition of Maine History

- Result of calls from both tenants and landlords with questions and concerns about secondhand smoke in housing.
- Determined a real gap existed there was no one to refer them to for assistance.
- Maine public health advocates met to discuss need and the Smoke-Free Housing Coalition was formed, 2003.
- Today, the Smoke-Free Housing Coalition of Maine is a non-profit organization comprised of more than 50 public health advocates, tenants, landlords, property managers, environmental health professionals, legal professionals and many others supporting and advocating for voluntary smoke-free housing policies.

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First step: Recruited stakeholders

- Found a community navigator to help us identify Who's Who in housing world
- Met one on one with them.
 - Landlord trade associations
 - Tenant rights group
 - Public and affordable housing agencies
 - Fair Housing Council
- Formed Advisory Board but didn't make them come to "coalition meetings"
- Gave them real opportunities for input

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Project timeline - early 2005 Found out what was happening nationally (MN, MI, ME, CA) One-on-one recruitment mtgs First Advisory Board luncheon Advisory Board input on materials Exhibit at landlord trade show Series of articles in Landlord Times Advisory Board input on materials Exhibit at landlord trade show Series of articles in Landlord Times Guardian announced policy - Medial Oregon Smokefree Housing Project

Project timeline - later 2009 Landlord trade associations lobby for disclosure law Housing Authority of Portland adopts no-smoking policy (public housing units) Orgon legislature passes smoking policy disclosure law United the passes smoking policy disclosure law Orgon Smokefree Housing Project Oregon Smokefree Housing Project





Becoming Live Smoke Free



- Originally the Initiative for Smoke-Free Apartments
 - Not an easy name
- Re-branded in 2007 to become Live Smoke Free
 - Brainstorming sessions with staff
 - Wanted something "light" and easy to remember
 - Hired graphic designer; many drafts!

Maine History and Branding

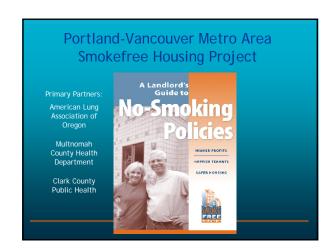


Goal is for supply of smoke-free housing to meet demand.

Structured to gain support and trust of property owners/managers as an ally.

The Coalition has met with success primarily due to the engagement of stakeholders, collaborative partnerships and consistent market-friendly messaging.

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Strategies



- Voluntary policies; beginning to adopt "other" policy options such as tax credits
- · Work on all housing types: subsidized, market rate, condominiums, etc.

Coals: We now know our capacity and can achieve ~60 policies per 1.0 FTE Depends on size of geographic area and anount of housing stock



Pitfalls/Strategies to Avoid



- 100% smoke-free indoors is the bottom line. No smoke-free floors, no indefinite grandfathering!
 - Our services and materials are not available without a comprehensive indoor policy
- · Focus on landlords but we still take renter calls and help as best we can
 - Have to set limits with some renters



Maine Policy Strategies

- Need to determine what strategies will work best for your area based upon your goals, partnerships and capacity.
- In Maine, its:
 - · Voluntary policy change.
- First focused on PHAs, now addressing SFH with both market-rate and subsidized housing.
- · Providing support for both tenants and property owners/managers.

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Potential Policy Pitfalls

- Advocate for 100% smoke-free policies its not a smoke-free building if some residents are still exposed to SHS.
 - If possible stay away from grandfathering if it is put into place, make sure there is a time limit.
- May cause more headaches for property owner/manager because of enforcement issues.

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Setting policy goals

- Found out what was happening in other states - Followed progress on national list serve
- Listened to the local housing industry
- State public health dept had opportunity to put disclosure on Governor's agenda

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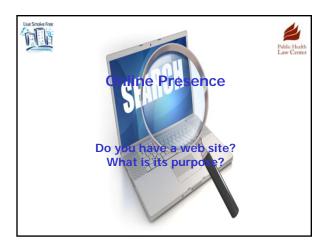
We focus on Landlords because:

- They are in the position to make desired change
- It will result in more renters being protected faster

Housing world: They all watch each other

- Changing the culture: Getting buy-in from and weaving messages through one sector has impact on other sectors:
 - Private market rate properties
 - Public and affordable properties
 - Organizations who serve/support landlords
 - Realtors and developers of multi-unit properties
 - Condo associations
- If one door closes, walk through an open one!

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- Web site is purposeful
- Online presence gives credibility
 - Not everyone wants/needs to call us
 - Sustainable even if funding is cut
 - Several URLs and focus on site optimization





Directory of Smoke-Free Housing



- Used to be a list staff updated via HTML; now fully interactive
- Live Smoke Free coordinates for entire state
- · Large draw for managers and renters
- · Positive comments from housing industry
- May be most important part of our web site
 If funding is cut so severely that we can do nothing else, at least people can find a smoke-free place to live













Partners are Essential



- · Printing vendors help us keep to our deadlines and our budgets
- Public Health Law Center (Tobacco Control Legal Consortium) helps us research new issues and adds more credibility to our program
- The housing industry (managers, associations, service organizations) opens doors and helps us build relationships with clients

Lessons Learned: Collaboration

Key Partners:

- Landlord Associations
- Private Market Housing
 - · Condos, vacation/seasonal
- Public & State Housing
- Tribal Housing
- Fire Marshal's Office
- Social Services
 - Homeless
 - Immigrant Services
- General Assistance
- Behavioral Health Community
 - In-patient and transitional housing facilities
- Look for non-traditional public health partners
 - Insurance industry
 - Environmental health/indoor air quality advocates

 - Tenants and tenant advocacy groups
 - · Anyone else who is willing to listen



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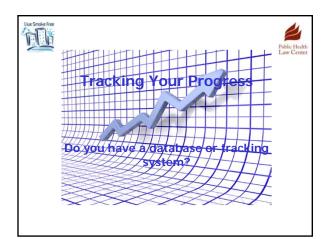
Key Partners landlord trade associations

- Large property managers MMHA
- Mom and pop landlords ORHA
- Housing authorities PNRC-NAHRO (AK, ID, OR, WA)
- Oregon AHMA affordable housing providers
- Oregon Opportunity Network community development corps.
- Tribal housing NWIHA (AK, ID, OR, WA)

Other key partners

- Community Association Institute (condos)
- Legal Aide
- Property manager certification programs
- * Renter Advocates (afraid of impact on "hard to house")

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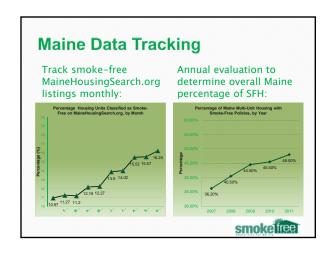
Database: The Brains of Our Operation Law Center



- Tracks interactions with property managers, renters, public officials, media, etc.
- Nearly 2,000 property managers in system
- Prevents problems usually associated with staff turnover
- One of the main reasons why we're good with relationships we don't have to rely on memory
- · Essential for grant reporting







Tracking our progress

- Added questions to BRFSS
- Databases for defined groups:
 - · Public housing authorities
 - Tribal housing agencies
 - Community Development Corporations
- * Rental ad tracking

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Listing properties as "Smoke-free"

- HousingConnections.org (sponsored by City of Portland) featured smoking policy in their searchable criteria
- Encouraged landlords to put no-smoking in their usual ad placements



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Services & Materials



- Gathered information on what other programs were offering
- Surveyed managers at conference sessions
- Had informational interviews with managers that had smoke-free buildings
- Began to merge what managers needed with what we felt needed to be said



Services & Materials



- Everything is free Major plus for the housing industry
- Start-to-finish consultations and service
- · Sample materials for modification







Support: Technical Assistance and Materials

- Provide free technical assistance to property owners/managers to implement smoke-free policies and support to tenants.
- > Provide free signage and support materials:









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Support: Materials Fact sheets, including: Landlord, Tenant (several languages), Pets and SHS, Enforcement, Legal Counsel, Condo Association Support: Materials Fact sheets, including: Landlord, Tenant (several languages), Pets and SHS, Enforcement, Legal Counsel, Condo Association Support: Materials Support: Materials

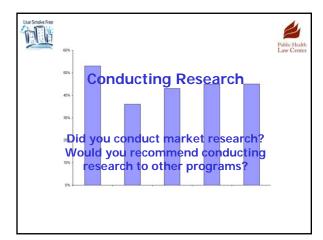
Materials & Services

- ❖ All materials are now web-based
- Feature many tools created by real housing providers
- Gather and highlight quotes from industry folks in our materials
- Promote what local public health partners can do to support landlords:
 - Surveys, resident meetings, board presentations

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What Landlords Need

- ❖ To know no-smoking policies are legal
- ❖ To know the market is there for them
- To have simple steps and tools
- Materials with a "business" layout and look





2000-2004 Research



Statewide research project on smoke-free multihousing in Minnesota conducted from 2000-2004 (funded by ClearWay Minnesota)

- 1. Survey of renters (2001)

 - 50% wanted smoke-free apartmentsOnly 2% lived in a smoke-free apartment
- 2. Survey of apartment owners (2001)
- 3. Legal advisory committee (2002)
- 4. Testing of air movement in apartment buildings (2004)

Full reports available at $\underline{www.mncee.org}$







2009 Research

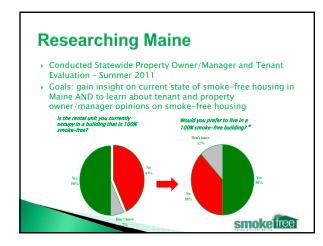


Twin Cities research project on smoke-free multi-housing in seven-county metro area conducted from 2008-2009 (funded by Tobacco-Free Communities grant from MN Dept. of Health)

- - 75% would be likely to choose a smoke-free building over a smoking-allowed building if the buildings were the same in every other way.
 50% of all renters are willing to move to live in a smoke-free building
- Survey conducted by Wilder Research
- · Goal was to trend data from the 2001 tenant survey
 - Kept the methods as similar as possible
 - Mail survey phone follow-up

 $Full\ report\ available\ at\ \underline{www.mnsmokefreehousing.org}$





Baseline research

- Gathered info on what was happening nationally
- Hired a professional research firm to conduct:
 - Local market survey of tenants
 - Landlord focus groups
 - Key informant surveys
- Conducted one on one interviews with stakeholders

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Research reports

- Oregon state renter survey 2008
 - <u>www.smokefreehousinginfo.com/pages/Facts%20and%20Figure</u>.html#renetersurvey
- "Opinions of Experienced Landlords..."
 - http://smokefreehousingnw.com/pdf/current/CDRI%20Summar y%20Report%20Landlord%20Smoking%20Policies%202nd%20Printing.pdf
- Case study of our project
 - http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2011/jan/pdf/10_0015.pdf





Recommendations



- Local grants may not need to do everything that statewide grants do
- Partner with other local grants in order to be a part of regional work
- Become a part of the housing industry, even if it's just your local housing coalition
- Work with other smoke-free housing programs to learn what they have done

Recommendations for SFH Programs:

- ▶ Partnerships!
 - Work with state housing authority and larger developments to set precedence around smoke-free housing.
- Develop messaging and stay on cue
 - Examples:
 - It's about the smoke, not the smoker.
 - Adopting a smoke-free policy will save landlords money.
 - Smoke-free living is becoming the norm, not the exception.
 - Smoke-free housing policies are legal and justified.

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How to influence landlords

- Make the business case for them
- Form relationships with and work through their trade associations
 - Incorporate your messages into existing communication/training for landlords
 - Work with them to include smoking policy as standard feature on the lease forms they sell
 - Gather stories and quotes from trusted industry insiders

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How to influence landlords - cont.

- Highlight stories from colleagues who are are doing it successfully
- Create tools & support to make it easy
- Make it their choice as opposed to having it "forced on them by government"

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Trust paved way for a state law

- Because of relationships/trust built with landlord trade associations & Fair Housing Council, they proactively supported the
 Smoking Policy Disclosure Law
- ♣ It sailed through and became law 1/1/10.
- They helped us communicate about the law through all their channels.

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Outreach



- · Focuses on managers
- · Postcard series
- Crime-free multi-housing workshops
- Housing industry conferences



· Targeted mailings

Outreach:

Direct mail is generally the best way to reach landlords and trusted partners (i.e. clinics, WIC, Head Start) are the best way to reach tenants.

Reach populations where they are:

Tenants

Craigslist, Laundromats, grocery stores, coffee shops, college campuses, libraries, doctor's offices/clinics, e-mail /e-blasts and social media.

Landlords

Landlord association meetings & newsletters, public housing authorities, realty groups, finance authorities, local media outlets, email, direct mail, etc.

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Outreach

- Private landlords
- Public and affordable housing
- Firefighters as conduit of message
- Realtors as conduit of message
- Community managers (for condos)
- Vacation rentals to feature no-smoking as amenity





Other Advice



- Recognize that while this may seem like a new issue, it's been happening for a number of years
 There's little excuse for managers to implement bad policies
- Take time to develop your program; it's hard to retroactively track progress and re-brand
- · Have a strong web presence
- Have fun with the renters and managers!



Final Thoughts

- Keep in contact with housing professionals (and tenants) who have already gone smoke-free-- engage them in your efforts.
 - -They will become your champions!
- · Focus on factors most important to them.
 - -Financial impact, legal complications, ease of enforcement, etc.
- Make it easy—always provide them with the resources to make the process as effortless as possible.

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Final Thoughts

- Assess your population- don't assume you know what they want/need.
- Use the press whenever possible.
- · Be passionate- its contagious!
- Perseverance and follow-up/through neededpolicy making can be slow but the impact is long lasting.

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Final thoughts

- Get to know the industry, personally
- Earn the right to influence them
- Put your "public health brain" aside when designing messages and materials for this audience
- Pulling all the stakeholders together may not be the right thing

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Training for Public Health Professionals Public Health Law Center



- · Day-long training covering entire process of working on smoke-free MUH featuring national experts
- November 14, 2011, 8:30 am 4:30 pm
- Held in Minneapolis, MN in conjunction with the CPPW "Making it Better" conference
- Registration is FREE and travel scholarships available
- Register at <u>www.makingitbetterconference.org</u>

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