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### **Providing Cessation**



Topics Covered Today:

- Cessation myths & facts
   Focus on specialty populations
- · Overview of publications and resources
- Helping managers of supportive housing decide to adopt a smoke-free policy
- · Examples from Minnesota
- · Case study from Maine
- Example cessation resources from other states



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# Why is Cessation Important?



- · Knowing about tobacco addition is key to understanding potential opposition and the lives that you may be affecting
- Providing cessation resources can help you alleviate fears of residents and managers
  - Residents will not be kicked out of their housing; they will just have to abide by the policy
  - Managers will be able to enforce a policy
  - Everyone will be treated with respect and be able to live in a healthy environment









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**Cessation Facts and Myths about Smokers with Chemical Dependency, Mental Health Conditions, and Homelessness** 

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# Punding Sources in last 5 years National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute National Cancer Institute National Institute on Drug Abuse National Institute on Drug Abuse National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities ClearWay Minnesota Industry funding Prizer for FDA-approved research project involving use of nicotine patch, bupropion, and varenicline No speaker bureau Off label medication uses discussed None

### Overview

- Defining the Problem
- Myths
- Facts
- Unknowns
- Publications and Resources



### Defining the problem

- Although the prevalence of smoking has declined overall in the US in the last few decades, tobacco use remains endemic among certain underserved "special" populations including (for the purpose of current presentation)
  - Chemical dependent population
  - Persons with mental health conditions
  - Homeless



# **Substance Abuse Populations**

### Misconceptions or myths about nicotine dependence and substance abusers?

- Smoking cessation may act as a stressor to jeopardize sobriety
- Smoking cessation may precipitate
- Nicotine dependence viewed as a minor problem
- Substance abuse patients are not interested in quitting smoking



### Facts about cigarette smoking and chemical dependency

- Prevalence of smoking range 70%-95% [Burling and Ziff, 1998]
- They tend to be heavy smokers
- More dependent on nicotine
- Have lower quit rates [Marks et al. 1997; Lasser et al. 2000; Novy et al. 2001
   The combined use of tobacco and other drugs is a significant and preventable risk for disease and premature deaths. The risk of combined use are multiplicative rather than just additive [Talami et al. 2002; Lee et al. 2005; Marrero et al. 2005]
- Persons with AUD are more likely to die from tobaccorelated conditions such as lung cancer and cardiovascular disease than alcohol-related conditions [Hurt et al. 1996]



### Possible theories abound for the high degree of overlap

- Similar genetic predisposition
- Using one substance to enhance reinforcing effects of the other
- Capacity of one substance to reduce unpleasant effects of the other



### What are the attitudes of substance abuse users about smoking cessation?

- Consistent evidence refute the misconception that recovering substance abusers are not interested in quitting smoking at some point during their recovery [Sees and Clark, 1993]
  - A survey [n=272] of patients entering substance abuse treatment in a VA hospital reported that
     All alcoholics

    - 72% of cocaine addicts

    - 70% of heroin addicts expressed interest in quitting smoking [Sees et al. 1993] 52% of alcoholics and 42% of heroin addicts were interested in quitting smoking at the time they started treatment for other addictions.
  - Several studies have found that relatively few [5%-30%] believe that attempting to quit smoking has had or will have negative impact on their sobriety [Bobo et al. 1987; Irving et al. 1994; Joseph et al. 1990; Orleans & Hutchinson, 1993]
  - Some studies have found that a high proportion [>60%] of substance users are interested in concurrently quitting smoking and other drugs in programs where both are offered [Irving et al. 1994; Joseph et al. 1990]



### When should Tobacco Cessation **Treatment Occur?**

- Concurrent cessation vs. one substance at a time
  - Concurrent—Continued use of one addictive substance could provoke relapse to the other due to the brain's cross-sensitivity to both drugs
  - One substance at a time-due to the demands of withdrawal from quitting tobacco or alcohol

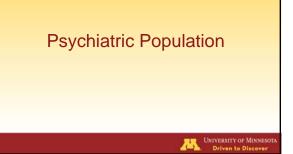
  - tobacco or alcohol

    The vast majority of studies suggest that concurrent treatment does not increase the probability of relapse [Burling et al. 1991; Hurt et al. 1994;Martin et al. 1997; Bobo et al. 1998; Burling et al. 2001; Kalman et al. 2001; Gariti et al. 2002; Robenow et al. 2002; Haug et al. 2004]

    Two studies involving timing of intervention showed that smokers were more likely to participate when tobacco cessation was offered concurrently with treatment for alcohol dependence compared to when it was delayed [Kalman et al. 2001; Joseph et al. 2004]
  - In the two studies that found evidence of greater relapse for concurrent treatment for tobacco and alcohol treatment, the differences between treatment and control groups were not observed consistently at all time points and all measures[ Grant et al. 2003; Joseph et al. 2004]



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# Tobacco Cessation and Severe Mental Illness [SMI] Tobacco use and dependence are disproportionately higher among persons with SMI mental illness compared with the general population [Ziedonis et al. 2008] Up to 70% of people with SMI smoke cigarettes and approximately half are heavy smokers [Babham & Gillbody] Tobacco-related illnesses are a major contributor to excess morbidity and mortality experience by people with severe mental illness [Banham & Gilbody 2010]. Depression Cross-sectional studies show that >30% of patients with current depression are daily smokers [Grant et al. 2004; Waxmonsky et al. 2005; Ziedonis et al. 2008] Litetime prevalence of major depression is as high as 64% among clinic-based smoking treatment programs [Hitsman et al. 2003] Schizophrenia - 75%-85% of people with schizophrenia use tobacco [Hughes & Hatsukami 1986] - and -50% are heavy smokers [> 25 cigarettes per day, Lasser et al. 2000] Topography studies have found higher total puffs per cigarette and greater carbon monoxide boost in smokers with schizophrenia compared to controls [Hitsman et al. 2005; Tidey et al. 2005, Williams et al. 2006

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# Facts about Tobacco Cessation and SMI PTSD • For patients with military-related PTSD, integrating smoking cessation treatment into mental health care resulted in greater prolonged abstinence compared to referral to specialized cessation treatment [McFall et al. 2010]. • Depression • Smokers with a history of depression are as likely as those without a depression history to achieve either short-term (≥ 3 months) or long-term (≥ 6 months) tobacco abstinence [Histman et al. 2003; Covey et al. 2005] • A recent meta-analysis found similar short-term tobacco abstinence among smokers with or without history of depression. However, smokers with a history of depression had 34% lower odds of long-term abstinence • Schizophrenia • People with schizophrenia are able to quit with • Peychoscoial treatment • Nicotine dependence treatment medications • Social support [Ziedonis et al. 2008] \* What smoking cessation treatments work for people with SMI? • Depression • Antidepressant pharmacological and psychological treatments have been combined with standard smoking cessation • Antidepressant with a standard CGT fit as residue, essention with CGT for depression controlled with standard CGT. (Blown et al. 2004) • Depression • Antidepressant pharmacological and psychological treatments have been combined with standard CGT. (Blown et al. 2004) • Depression • Antidepressant pharmacological and psychological treatments have been combined with standard CGT. (Blown et al. 2004) • Antidepressant devia with standard CGT fit as residue. Calcular with holdy of depression devia with standard CGT fit as residue. Calcular with holdy of depression of with standard CGT fits for estable. Calcular with holdy of depression devia with standard CGT fits for estable. Calcular with early all calcular treatments are consolidated in the calcular blow and and standard CGT fits person and a fit was antidated CGT fits and a fit of the calcular fits of a 2006 fit incert of the calcular fits of a 2006 fit incert and a 2004 fits of the calc

Molivational interviewing with personalized feedback was effective in motivating 32% of smokers with schizophrenia to seek smoking cessation treatment within one month of the single session compared with 11% for educational intervention, and 0% for those given information only (Senterbe, Zedoris et al. 2004)

Bupropion is well tolerated and reduces smoking and carbon monoxide (Evins et al. 2001; Gorge et al 2002; Weiner et al. 2001)

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# Tobacco Use in Homeless Populations

- What should homeless persons worry about?
  - ❖ Shelter
  - ❖ Food
  - Drugs
  - Survival issues



### Actual causes of death





# Facts about Tobacco Use in Homeless Populations

- $\begin{tabular}{ll} \begin{tabular}{ll} \beg$
- Homeless persons are heavier smokers (>20 cpd), start younger, and smoke for a longer duration than their non-homeless counterparts
- Although equally interested in quitting as other persons, homeless individuals have limited awareness of and access to smoking cessation programs
- Homeless individuals are generally excluded from tobacco research studies
- $\ensuremath{ \mbox{\ \ } \mbox{\ \ }}$  Little is known about smoking cessation within this population.



## Why do Homeless Persons Smoke Cigarettes? [Okuyemi et al. 2006]

- Boredom and lack access to alternative activities
- Mood regulation and stress reduction
- Lack of daily structure and routine
- Social activity and camaraderie
- Appetite suppression for weight/hunger control
- Viewed as a habit associated with behavioral triggers or simply done to satisfy physical and psychological cravings and regulate withdrawal symptoms



### Reasons for smoking

- "I think it is more of a lot to do with boredom...If I'm just sitting there and there's nothing to do, it's like, oh - I need to go smoke. I got to do something!"
- "With all the pressures of being homeless and all the situations you have to deal with, the cigarettes seem to be kind of a way out."
- ❖ "I'm bi-polar and so…it soothes me out."
- "No matter where you go, there's always a group of smokers you can walk up to, you know, start a conversation with."



### Past Quit & Relapse Experiences

- Quit Methods
- Cold turkey
- Mandatory cessation during incarcerations
- Substitutes
- Pharmacologic aids
- During pregnancy

- \* Reasons for Relapse
- Emotional or traumatic event
- Associated with alcohol
- Release from hospital, jail/prison or end of military service
- Loss/change of job
- After delivery of baby



### Reasons for Wanting to Quit

- Personal appearance
- Financial benefits and high cost of cigarettes
- Reduced health risks for self and children
- Psychological and emotional benefits
- Concerns about secondhand smoke
- Inconvenient due to indoor smoking policies and limited places where permitted
- Wanting to be good role model for children
- Physical fitness



# Reasons for Wanting to Quit

- "Your breath stinks, your clothes stink, your car stinks...and you've got the physical appearance of nicotine on your hands or on your teeth."
- "I feel guilty...I'm in a homeless shelter. I've got children and I buy cigarettes... \$2.00 a day adds up."



### Inhibitors/Barriers to Quitting

- Lack of daily structure & fewer restrictions
- Pervasive, socially accepted behavior within the homeless population
- Limited access to medical care & other support services
- More stressful, unstable life situations
- Unsanitary, crowded living conditions
- Competing priorities, such as job/housing search, recovery program, or other appointments
- Smoking associated with polysubstance use, chosen lifestyle, and self-medication for mental illness



### **Preferred Smoking Cessation** Program

- Retention
  - Partner with existing programs, transitional shelters, case managers
- Obtain multiple contact information, including frequented service sites
  Time & place same every week, once per week, convenient/central sites
  Incentives provided every session, bigger reward at end, tangible goals
- Incentives and Compensation
  - Transportation assistance
  - Smoke-free entertainment opportunities
  - Merchandise or restaurant vouchers, gift cards/certificates
  - Accommodate personal needs and interests through choices
- Individual Counseling

  - More focused & private with personalized attention and fewer distractions Counselor may be a non-smoker or not able to relate to homeless situation
- Support Groups
  - Supportive environment with opportunity to learn from & share with others
  - Accountability and competition may result in dishonesty and disagreement



### Pharmacotherapy

### Preferences by 1st choice

Zyban (29.3%)

Inhaler (28.8%)

Patch (20.7%) Gum (13.8%)

Lozenge (10.3%)

Spray (0%)

Consensus that Zyban would have the most "street value"

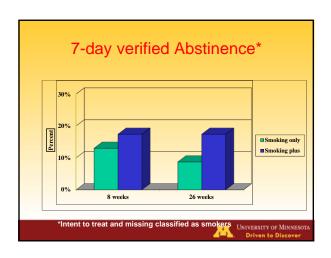


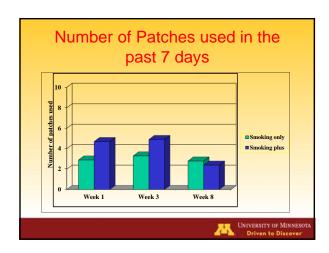
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### **Smoking Cessation in Homeless** Populations [Okuyemi et al. 2006]

- 8-week treatment with either 21 mg Nicotine patch or 4 mg Nicotine lozenge (participants' choice). Sample size=46
- Random assignment to one of 2 MI groups
  - Smoking only (5 MI sessions addressing smoking only)
  - Smoking Plus (5 MI sessions Addressing smoking along with other substance abuse/life events that impact their ability to quit smoking.
- 6 groups sessions to provide educational information and social support
- Main outcome was verified 7-day point prevalence abstinence from cigarettes at 8-weeks and at 6-months from randomization.
- Verification was by expired carbon monoxide (CO)  $\leq$  10 ppm. Salivary cotinine  $\leq$  20 ng/ml was used when there was discrepancy between self-report and CO

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### Another pilot study [Shelley et al. 2010]

- ❖ Another study which had no control group (n=58) tested the effects of a 12-week group therapy that used both motivational interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy principles plus choice of pharmacotherapy [nicotine patch, gum, lozenge or inhaler; bupropion, varenicline]
  - Most participants used at least one type of medication [67%]
  - 75% completed 12-week end of treatment surveys
  - CO-verified quit rates were 15.5% at 12 weeks and 13.6% at 24 weeks



# Recently completed large clinical trial [Goldade and Okuyemi et al 2011]

- A community-based randomized trial of 430 homeless smokers that assessed the effectiveness of adherencefocused MI to for smoking cessation.
- Participants were randomized to either
  - the intervention group (nicotine patch + MI): six individual MI counseling sessions each lasting 15 to 20 minutes
  - control arm (nicotine patch + standard care): a one-time brief (10-15 minutes) advice to quit smoking.
- At baseline participants in both groups received a twoweek supply of 21-mg nicotine patches and an additional two-week supply of 21 mg nicotine patch every two
- Primary outcome was verified (CO and salivary cotinine)
   7-day abstinence from cigarette smoking at week 26.



# Recently completed large clinical trial [Goldade and Okuyemi et al 2011]

- 839 individuals screened for study eligibility
  - ❖ 568 were eligible
  - 430 were randomized
    - 216 to the MI intervention
    - 214 to the control group.
    - ❖ 76.1% completed their week 8 visit
    - 75.4% completed the final week 26 visit.
- Outcomes data promising [under review]





### **Summary**

- Persons with chemical dependency, severe mental conditions or experiencing homelessness

   Have strikingly high smoking rates

  - Are heavy smokers
  - Highly nicotine dependent
  - Are more likely to die from tobacco-related problems than from mental or other substance use disorders
  - Are interested in quitting smoking

  - Will participate in formal smoking cessation programs if given the opportunity Cognitive behavioral therapy and motivational interviewing have been shown to work
  - Nicotine replacement therapies, bupropion, [and probably varenicline] are safe and effective
- effective

  Quitting smoking does not jeopardize recovery from abuse of other substances

  The national PHS 2008 Clinical Practice Guideline recommends that, "Smokers with
  psychiatric and substance use disorders should be offered tobacco dependence
  treatment, and clinicians must overcome their reluctance to treat this
  population". Not providing evidence-based tobacco cessation treatment to these
  patients is less than standard care.



### **Publications and Resources**

- American Lung Association Freedom From Smoking Online American Legacy Foundation: Center for Disease Control:

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality:

  American Academy of Family Physicians: www.marp.org

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  Medicare and Medicaid: www.cm.bhr.ag.org/

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  National Cancer Institute: Call 1477-441-0011 (1477-448-748); Text Message Experts on LiveHelp:

  National Identification on Drug Abuse: www.nish.nin.gov

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### **Links to Resources**



- The Help to Quit Program from beBetter Health, Inc. (www.help-to-quit.com)
  - Addressing Effective Treatment for Tobacco Users with Mental Illness and/or Substance Use Disorders
  - "Quitting tobacco is part of recovery from a mental illness or substance use disorder.
     Quitting tobacco won't hinder progress and might even be beneficial in ways beyond health improvement."



### **Links to Resources**



- The Break Free Alliance (http://healthedcouncil.org/breakfreealliance)
  - Addressing Tobacco Use in Homeless
     Populations: Recommendations of the Expert
     Panel
  - #2 Top Policy Intervention Identified by the Panel: "Agencies serving homeless persons should voluntarily adopt tobacco non-use policies that prohibit tobacco use in the facility and on the grounds. These policies should apply to both clients and staff."



### **Links to Resources**



- National Coalition for the Homeless (www.nationalhomeless.org)
  - <u>Tobacco Use and Homelessness</u>
  - "Some homeless smokers said that being able to obtain cigarettes gave them a sense of hope and self worth." (Okuyemi, et all., 2006)
  - "Tobacco control advocates need to make the homeless a priority in order to reduce smoking and mitigate the harmful effects of tobacco within such a vulnerable population."



### **Links to Resources**



- Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence (ATTUD) (www.attud.org)
  - A National Call to Integrate Tobacco-Free Policy and Tobacco Cessation Services into Behavioral Healthcare
  - "Behavioral health providers can and must have an integral role in implementing tobacco-free policies, offering tobacco education, and integrating tobacco treatment within existing service settings across the lifespan and at every level of care."



### **Links to Resources**



- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Preventing Chronic Disease (www.cdc.gov/pcd), Volume 9, 2012
- Promoting Smoke-Free Environments and Tobacco Cessation in Residential Treatment Facilities for Mental Health and Substance Addictions, Oregon, 2010
- While currently, few facilities have smoke-free policies and only half mandated cessation into discharge planning, "fewer than 10% of administrators objected to these future tobacco policies, and about equal numbers welcomed such statewide policy changes."



### **Links to Resources**



- Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 2004, Volume 72, Number 6
  - A Meta-Analysis of Smoking Cessation Interventions With Individuals in Substance Abuse Treatment or Recovery
  - "Smoking cessation interventions provided during addictions treatment were associated with a 25% increased likelihood of long-term abstinence from alcohol and illicit drugs."



### **Links to Resources**



- Annual Review of Public Health, April 2010, Volume 31
  - Confronting a Neglected Epidemic: Tobacco Cessation for Persons with Mental Illnesses and Substance Abuse Problems
  - "This review explains why tobacco use is such an important public health problem among those with mental illnesses and/or substance abuse disorders, with the intention of stimulating interest in reducing tobacco-related health disparities. No other public health field contains such potential gains in preventable death and disability."



### **Links to Resources**



- Loretta Worthington: Worthington Consultants; 2002 Developing Leadership in Substance Abuse Fellow; Certified Addiction Specialist
  - Presentation: Addressing Nicotine in Dependence Treatment "The Elephant in the Living Room"
    - Presentation with author's notes (1 slide per page)
    - Presentation with 3 slides per page
  - "Addicts in recovery are extremely strong individuals. It is through challenging their character defects that they are empowered. That is part of a recovery process. It is unfair to limit them with expectations of weakness."



### **Links to Resources**



- University of Colorado Denver, Department of Psychiatry, Behavioral Health and Wellness Program
  - Smoking Cessation for Persons with Mental Illnesses: A Toolkit for Mental Health Providers
- "Individuals with mental illnesses deserve accurate information regarding tobacco use and options for quitting."





# Challenges/Concerns from Managers



- "Our population smokes at a high rate; we won't be able to enforce this."
- "Our population won't be able to quit smoking."
- "I don't want our residents to be kicked out of their housing."
- "We operate under the 'Housing First' model, and we don't want anything getting in the way of that."





# Will the Typical Talking Points Work?



- Secondhand smoke exposure, fire, legal liabilities are likely to be relevant
- Cost savings may work; profits likely will not work
- Market demand will not be relevant
- Recognize that they are providing housing for very different reasons than other companies





### **Messages to Managers**



- Cessation is not required
  - People can continue to live in the building and smoke; they just cannot smoke in smoke-free areas, including their unit
- There are many appropriate cessation resources available for the particular resident population
- Cessation can be a benefit to residents with mental health and addiction issues
  - Cannot be our responsibility to educate on every aspect of this, but we can begin the dialogue



### **Messages to Managers**



- · This is a social justice issue
- Just because a population may smoke at a higher rate, it doesn't mean that the non-smokers deserve to be exposed to smoke
- The transition to becoming a smoke-free building can be customized to ensure that all residents feel comfortable
- Enforcement is up to the manager; multiple warnings are ok. Eventually eviction could be necessary, but it's not inevitable



### "Housing First" Model



- Also known as "rapid re-housing"
- Rather than moving through levels of care, residents are moved directly from the streets or shelters to an apartment
- Based on the concept that a person's first and primary need is to obtain stable housing, and that other issues that may affect the household can and should be addressed once housing is obtained
- Opposing model: "housing readiness" a person must address other issues that may have led to the episode of homelessness prior to entering housing



### **Why Does** "Housing First" Matter?



- Many managers interpret it as "housing only" and believe that they should only be concerned with providing a roof and that residents should not be expected to have to worry about "unnecessary" rules/policies
- A smoke-free policy may be perceived as conflicting with "housing first" because residents may choose not to join their program or will be kicked out
- · Refer back to social justice talking points to avoid the debate on "any housing is better than smoke-free
  - Realize that you may never change their mind



### **The Policy Adoption Process**



- · The basic process is no different than in any other building
- · However, the timeline may need to be a little longer in order to do more community education



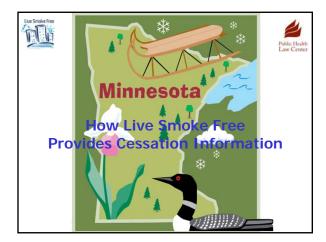
 A survey can go a long way; there's no reason for the manager to have to guess what residents want



### **Process: Work with Social Services Staff**



- · Some properties may contract with professionals to provide on-site chemical or mental health services
- · Even though these professionals work to improve the health of their clients, they may not believe that cessation is appropriate
- · Work with management to educate these professionals on the importance of a smoke-free policy and the availability of cessation resources so that they can become messengers in the policy adoption process





### **Resources Offered**



### To Managers

- · Information on ordering cessation brochures from state quit line
- · Information on Freedom from Smoking (ALA)
- On-site presentation when building goes smoke free on the benefits of the policy and basic cessation information

### To Residents

- · State quit line brochure
- On-site presentation when building goes smoke free on the benefits of the policy and basic cessation information
- Rarely: on-site cessation class taught by staff member



## Communicating with Renters



- Most LSF staff are not trained cessation counselors, but we are the ones with the most interaction with residents
- Offer basic knowledge/suggestions
  - NRTs are available
  - State quit line and health insurance lines are available and often free
  - Find a quit buddy and call upon each other
  - Save the money normally spent on tobacco for a special treat



# **Cessation Classes: Lessons Learned**



- · Suburban HRA; 76 units; senior building
- Board was very concerned about going smoke free because they wanted to be fair to the smokers
- In order to alleviate fears, we offered a cessation class put on by an LSF staff member (cost was subsidized by us)
- Class was offered a few months before policy passed





### The Results...



- Residents did not show up; even those who said they would be interested in a class
- When asked, the general opinion was that the smoke-free date was still too far in the future for cessation to be considered a priority
- When asked if they would have preferred for the class to be held after the smoke-free date, many weren't sure they would have attended
- · A lot of our staff time and money for very little return



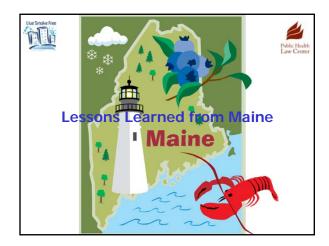
### **Other Lessons Learned**



- MN state quit line offers classes for worksites, but they will not conduct classes for apartment residents
  - Perhaps in a special case if there are a lot of employees in the class
- We have answers on cessation in disparate populations, but we don't always know what will resonate with a manager
  - More practical knowledge is needed now that we have the academic knowledge



 We use "smoke free" as a positive message rather than "smoking ban" or "no smoking"; the universal "no smoking" symbol may be a trigger or seem harsh, so we try to use other images or change the color of the symbol



### Maine Lessons Learned: SF Transitional Housing

Stay true to core SFH messages, emphasis on:

- It's about the smoke, not
- the smoker

  NOT about targeting and evicting smokers

Aligns with facilities goals to create safe and healthy

living environments!

Key Smoke–Free Transitional Housing Messages

"Housing first" - don't want to create more evictions and homelessness

Tenant population has high smoking rates - not sure they can quit or that its the right time to tackle that.

Key Transitional Housing Professional Concerns

smoke free

### Maine Lessons Learned: SF **Transitional Housing**

Communication and understanding what smoke-free housing is (and isn't) are key to making transitional properties smoke-free.

To combat fears, focus on facts:

- People with behavioral health issues want to live in smoke-free environments
- Transitional housing residents deserve a healthy living environment free from secondhand smoke
- Smoke-free environments are a daily norm

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### A Maine Example: edford Housing **Tedford Housing** Adopted 100% smoke-free policy in 2008 Mission: Tedford Housing works to end homelessness in Maine by providing, in collaboration with others, shelter, housing and services to those in need. We work to help people become more self-sufficient and advocate for change so that no one faces the prospect of being without a home. Provide: Homeless Shelters Supportive, permanent housing units in multiple Maine communities for formerly homeless adults and families П

### A Maine Example: **Tedford Housing**



smoke free

Reasons for going smoke-free:

- · Create a smoke-free environment for employees
- · Don't want non-smoking tenants exposed to secondhand smoke
- · Concerns for children in housing being exposed to secondhand smoke
- · Significantly decreased maintenance costs from going smoke-free
- Adopting a policy reducing cigarette-related fire risk



### It's about the smoke, not the smoker BUT...

Providing good cessation support for residents:

Provided tenants with extended notice of policy change to allow for behavior change

Access Health provided onsite tobacco cessation support and provides community support health



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# Additional cessation support provided to Tedford Residents: Call To Quit 1-800-207-1230 Intervention BASIC Skills Training Training Housing Staff to do Brief Tobacco Interventions Maine Tobacco Helpline (including NRT support)





### What Advocates Say About Cessation



- "I always provide cessation materials when working on any kind of no-smoking policy work. To me, they go hand-in-hand."
- "I have left quit kits with apartment managers, but it does not seem that they are utilized well."
- "25% of our clinic clients from the year were from city subsidized housing, and the great things was they sort of formed their own support group to help each other quit."



### **Resources Offered**



- · State quit line brochures/cards
- Lists of local quit classes offered through clinics or other web-based services
- Posters/brochures about cessation classes and NRT availability
- American Lung Association resources

  - Lung Help LineFreedom from Smoking program
- · Quit kits
- · On-site cessation classes



### **Quit Kits**



- Made available to individual residents or to managers (may be a charge depending on how many are ordered)
- · Includes items such as
  - Information on NRT
  - Trinket (magnet, window cling, etc.)
  - Quit line contact information
  - Lung Help Line/Freedom from Smoking
  - Mints, gum, other goodies



### **Quit Kits**



Courtesy of the American Lung Association in Minnesota



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### **Door Hangers**



- Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago
- Effective in larger complexes where residents may not normally visit a central bulletin board/management desk
- When a workshop or cessation group is offered at the complex, a flyer is stapled to the door hanger



### **Door Hangers**



Courtesy of the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago







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### **Closing Thoughts**



- Transitional and supportive housing can be smokefree environments
- Research indicates that special populations can and should quit smoking
- Housing providers often do not understand that cessation is possible for their residents
- Advocates should take time to educate and work with housing providers to help them understand the importance of smoke-free policies



### **Webinar Series**



Based on the Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Program Continuum

- · The Case for Smoke-Free Housing
- · Getting to Know the Multi-Housing Industry
- Building Your Smoke-Free Housing Program
- · Understanding Legal Issues
- · Strategies to Reach the Housing Industry
- Working with Property Owners/Managers to Adopt a Smoke-Free Policy
- Providing Cessation in Smoke-Free Buildings
- Working with Renters Exposed to Secondhand Smoke February 9<sup>th</sup>
- Program Sustainability February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Learn more and register at www.mnsmokefreehousing.org/cppw



### **Coming in 2012...**



- Policy manual with step-by-step guides on building a smoke-free housing program
- Research paper on Live Smoke Free's successes and lessons learned
- Guides on working with disparate populations and cessation as it relates to multi-housing
- Smoke-free lease addendums in multiple languages and other legal resources



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