

# Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (TEPP)

## ABOUT US

Tobacco is still the leading cause of preventable death in the United States creating a considerable burden on local communities. Individuals that begin using tobacco when they are young are more likely to become lifetime users. The Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (TEPP) is a grant-funded program that works with community partners to do the following:

- ▶ Help adults and youth quit tobacco
- ▶ Prevent youth from starting tobacco
- ▶ Decrease exposure to secondhand smoke

## WHAT WE DO



Collaborate with schools to strengthen tobacco-free schools policies and promote youth involvement in prevention efforts.



Assist workplaces, housing properties, local governments and more to enact tobacco-free policies that protect the public from the harmful effects of smoking and secondhand smoke.



Train health care providers to provide counseling and community resources that help people quit.



Educate community members on tobacco-related topics including prevention, new products, and resources to help people quit.



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## WHAT CAN TEPP DO FOR YOU?

<p><b>SCHOOLS</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide tobacco-free signage and technical support to strengthen tobacco-free policies.</li><li>• Educate and train staff on cessation programs for teens and alternatives to suspension for tobacco use.</li></ul>
<p><b>HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Train direct-service staff on “Ask, Advise, Refer” for tobacco cessation.</li><li>• Provide QuitLine referral training and technical assistance.</li><li>• Assist in the development and implementation of organizational tobacco-free policies.</li></ul>
<p><b>INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACES</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assist with developing and implementing tobacco-free policies for local governments, housing properties, workplaces, colleges, etc.</li><li>• Provide tobacco-free signage.</li><li>• Educate employees, residents, and clients on tobacco policies, prevention, and cessation.</li></ul>
<p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend health fairs, community events, and organizational meetings to speak about various topics related to tobacco education, prevention, and cessation.</li><li>• Connect individuals to the Colorado QuitLine.</li><li>• Provide free educational materials on a variety of tobacco topics (e-cigarettes, secondhand smoke, costs of tobacco, chew, pregnancy and smoking, etc.) along with visual aids.</li></ul>

\*This list is not exhaustive, for additional resources or questions contact TEPP.

### JOIN US

The Tobacco Free Alliance of El Paso County brings together community partners quarterly to discuss a variety of tobacco-related topics, address gaps in tobacco prevention and control, and take action to implement change.

### FOLLOW US

Email TEPP to sign up for our monthly newsletter.



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