

TOBACCO CONTROL PRIORITY AREA WORKGROUP

Cancer Alliance
of Texas



Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of cancer. In Texas, 3.7% of high school students currently smoke cigarettes and 18.7% use electronic vapor products. Approximately 13.1% of adults currently smoke and 5.9% use electronic vapor products, according to the Texas Youth Risk Behavior Survey.¹ The Tobacco Control Priority Area Workgroup (PAW) works to reduce tobacco use among youth and adults.

Purpose Statement

To prevent and reduce the harm of tobacco use and tobacco-associated cancers, the Tobacco Control PAW supports:

- Tobacco free and smokefree policies.
- Community- and school-based programs.
- Increased access to tobacco cessation resources.

Texas Cancer Plan (Plan) Goal

The Tobacco Control PAW helps address the following goal from the Plan:

- Eliminate tobacco use to reduce new cases and deaths from tobacco-related cancers.

Current Activities

Members of the Tobacco Control PAW work together on the following activities:

- Support the Texas Tobacco Prevention and Control Program's strategic plan.
- Support policy, systems, and environmental strategies.
- Support tobacco control education by community stakeholders.
- Engage students, staff, and parents through school-based education programs.
- Increase the utilization of cessation services and resources.
- Increase the number of referrals for cessation treatment and lung cancer screening.

Are you interested in joining the Tobacco Control PAW?

To become a member, email the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (CancerControl@dshs.texas.gov).

¹Texas Youth Risk Behavior Survey. healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/dashboard/surveys-and-profiles/youth-risk-behavior-survey. Accessed March 2023.



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