

Tobacco Control Activities to Address Secondhand Smoke (SHS) Exposure

This area of work includes education, coalition building and policy advocacy efforts. In Jefferson County, policy work includes advocating for voluntary policy change at the individual, family and organizational levels, as well as advocating for local laws and policies which expand and/or strengthen smoke-free ordinances. **Primary staff contacts:** Ed Ellis (compliance with smoke-free laws) 303-275-7565, ejellis@jeffco.us; Susan Sobkoviak (smoke-free housing and SHS education/policy advocacy) 303-275-7558, sksobkov@jeffco.us; **coalition contacts:** Colorado Alliance for Smoke-Free Housing (CASH) – 303-239-7054; Coalition Against Unhealthy Smoke-Filled Environments (CAUSE) smokefreejeffco@comcast.net or contact Susan at 303-275-7558.

Quarter 3 – Highlights of Accomplishments

Smoke-Free Housing:

- Worked with the following Jefferson County multi-unit housing complexes which have adopted smoke-free policies, to providing ongoing support, education and technical assistance:
 - Sterling House, Arvada, Assisted Living*
 - Clear Creek Commons, Golden, Retirement Community*
 - Golden Pond, Golden, Retirement Community*
 - Heritage Hills, Golden, Condos*
 - Homestead at Lakewood, Lakewood, Retirement Community*
 - Eaton Terrace, Lakewood, Senior Residences*
 - Heritage Club, Lakewood, Assisted Living*
 - Sunrise Assisted Living, Littleton*
 - Concordia On the Lake, Littleton, Retirement Community*
 - Morningside Retirement Village, Wheat Ridge*
 - Mountain Haven Senior Living, Wheat Ridge*
 - Atria Inn at Lakewood, Retirement Community*
 - Willow Glen, Lakewood, Senior Residences (grandfathering in Nov. 1, 2009)*
 - Creekside Residences, Lakewood, Senior Residences (grandfathering in Dec. 1, 2009)*
- Jefferson County's Smoke-Free Housing resources listed in the Smoke-Free Housing Global Directory and are being accessed by tenants and property owners throughout the US.
- Published an article about the benefits of smoke-free policies in the Lakewood Family Services Newsletter, reaching thousands of low income families in the city.
- In partnership with Denver and Boulder Public Health, we are facilitating a Smoke-Free Housing Forum for property owners/landlords. The next forum is scheduled for March 27; contact Susan for more information.
- Working on smoke-free housing policies with Rocky Mountain Housing Development Corporation, Inc., a faith-based, nonprofit agency that provides housing for 250 low-income families.

Increasing Compliance with local and State Smoke-Free Workplaces/Public Places Laws/Policies:

- Coalition and team members conducted eight compliance checks in businesses to address citizen complaints about smoke intrusion into neighboring business, smoking on patio enclosures, smoking in indoor areas and smoking within the smoke-free entranceway zones.
- Worked collaboratively with the County Building Department and Consumer Protection staff at JCDHE to address non-compliance with regulatory statutes in a new hookah bar in the Conifer area, resulting in the closing of the business.
- Initiated plans to reach tobacco businesses with information about the regulatory requirements around ventilation and disallowance of food service licensure to help slow the proliferation of smoking lounges/hookah bars.
- Worked with city staff and officials from the Cities of Edgewater and Lakewood to increase interest in strengthening local smoke-free policies/laws.