

Partnership Pieces February 16, 2007



Tobacco Regulation Bill Introduced in Congress

A bipartisan group of lawmakers led by Sens. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and John Cornyn (R-Texas) this week introduced the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, which would give the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the power to regulate tobacco products.

The [San Jose Mercury News](#) reported Feb. 15 that the bill would require cigarette makers to disclose the ingredients in their products, allow FDA to regulate nicotine and toxin levels in cigarettes, and give the agency the power to approve or disapprove so-called "reduced risk" cigarettes.

The measure also would give FDA authority to regulate cigarette marketing, ban candy- and fruit-flavored cigarettes, and prohibit the use of terms like "light," "mild," and "low-tar" to sell cigarettes. Larger warning labels also would be required on cigarette packs.

"Congress cannot in good conscience allow the federal agency most responsible for protecting the public health to remain powerless to deal with the enormous risks of tobacco, the most deadly of all consumer products," said Kennedy.

Reps. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) and Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.) will file companion legislation in the House of Representatives. The first hearing on Kennedy's bill will be held on Feb. 27 in the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

Report: 1 in 5 Female Lung Cancer Victims Are Nonsmokers

Secondhand smoke may be the cause of many cases of lung cancer among women: research shows that up to 20 percent of women who get the disease have never smoked, [Reuters](#) reported Feb. 9.

Among men, about 9 percent of lung-cancer patients are nonsmokers, according to researcher Heather Wakelee of Stanford University. "And because of the stigma, people are embarrassed to speak out about their disease," she said. "They feel like as soon as they say they have lung cancer, everyone judges them."

Wakelee drew her conclusions from surveys of more than 1 million people ages 40-79. The study authors said it was unclear why so many female nonsmokers get lung cancer, but noted that more women than men may be exposed to secondhand smoke.

The study appears in the February 2007 issue of the [Journal of Clinical Oncology](#).

Alcohol Abuse Reduction Program for Middle, Jr. and Sr. High Schools

The U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools National Program will award up to 20 grants nationally to local educational agencies (LEAs) that develop programs designed to reduce alcohol use among secondary-school students.

The [Alcohol Abuse Reduction Program](#) is open to LEAs that do not currently receive funding from the Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse program. Funding is provided to help LEAs "develop and implement innovative and effective programs to reduce alcohol abuse in secondary schools."

Application deadline is March 26. For more information, see the grant announcement at the link above.

Comments/questions? Call The Community Partnership at 419-866-3611 or visit www.communityprevention.org for direct links to these and other articles courtesy of Join Together Online at www.jointogether.org

DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

Working with Retailers: Self Policing Strategies and Collaborative Initiatives

This presentation will, from the retail perspective, highlight the barriers to gaining participation from the retail community and provide insights into proven ways to increase retail stakeholder involvement and increase self-policing efforts to reduce underage drinking. Participants will also learn strategies for addressing retailers who do not "get on board."

Thursday, March 15, 2007 3:00—4:15 p.m. The Community Partnership Training Center

Music Drug Awareness

This program will provide information on current alcohol and drug-related trends in music and discuss how many youth may respond to music messages. Understanding some of these issues will give professionals tools for improving how they communicate with youth.

Tuesday, March 27, 2007 3:00—4:15 p.m. The Community Partnership Training Center

Stress-Induced Drug Abuse

Learn why stress often leads to substance abuse and how the brain responds.

Thursday, March 29, 2007 1:00—2:15 p.m. The Community Partnership Training Center

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fax or mail

- _____ **March 15** **Working with Retailers:**
- _____ **March 27** **Music Drug Awareness**
- _____ **March 29** **Stress-Induced Drug Abuse**

*The marked titles are distance learning courses, there is no charge.

Name _____ Place of Employment _____

Preferred Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Mail, fax or e-mail to:

The Community Partnership

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No Phone Registrations *please!* For more information or links to other resources, check our web site at www.communityprevention.org



Service Learning Workshop

In preparation for the Greater Toledo Youth Service Day, The Community Partnership with support from United Way of Greater Toledo Volunteer Center and Youth Service America is sponsoring a Service Learning Workshop. This interactive workshop will demonstrate how to turn community service projects into "service learning" projects. Participants will learn of the various components of service learning and techniques to implement each. Youth groups will also have an opportunity to register at the work shop for participation in The Greater Toledo Youth Service Day that is taking place on April 21, 2007. Adult advisors of youth groups in elementary, junior high, high school, college, faith-based and community groups are invited to attend with **two youth leaders**. This workshop is sure to be fun-filled and action packed.

- Topic: Service Learning Workshop
- Presenter: Jennifer Gilbride-Brown, M.Ed. (Ohio Campus Compact),
Patrick Vrooman, Ph.D. (BGSU) and Jane Rosser, Ph.D. (BGSU)
- Date: Saturday, February 24, 2007
- Time: 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- Where: The City of Toledo Highland Park Shelter House
2865 Finch
Toledo, Ohio 43609
(To access a map and/or directions visit www.mapquest.com)
- Cost: Free (lunch provided)

Some of the workshop activities will be outdoors and participants are encouraged to dress casually and appropriately for the weather.

RCH's will be available.

Social Worker and Counselor CEU's are pending

Teachers must receive prior approval from their LPDC

Pre-registration is required. The deadline is Thursday, February 22, 2007

To register, please complete the following form and mail or fax it to:

The Community Partnership, 5902 Southwyck, Ste. 100, Toledo, Ohio 43614

Fax: 419.866.3613

Questions? Please call (419) 866-3611 ext. 106

Name: _____ Name (s) of youth 1) _____

2) _____ Ages of youth: 1) _____ 2) _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

