



Tobacco Free Times

A monthly newsletter for members and allies of the DATH Coalition

The purpose of the Denver Alliance on Tobacco and Health is to rally communities disparately affected by tobacco to reduce tobacco-related disparities in the city and county of Denver.

New Direction for the DATH Coalition

The Denver Alliance on Tobacco and Health (DATH) community tobacco control coalition has been restructured to best meet the needs of Denver community members that are disparately affected by tobacco use. The primary goal is to identify community infrastructures not previously known, build networks, and collaborate with Colorado communities to reduce tobacco-related disparities.

DATH will focus on the following communities and populations:

- African Americans
- Latinos/Hispanics
- Native Americans
- People with Low Socioeconomic Status
- Spit Tobacco Users



- Mental Health Consumers
- GLBTQI Peoples
- People with Disabilities
- Asian Americans/ Pacific Islanders
- People with Substance Abuse Disorders

If you would like to join the efforts to address tobacco concerns in your community, contact Johnn Young at 303-436-7902.

7th Annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival a Great Success!

Began in 2001, the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival draws tens of thousands of visitors to Sloan's Lake Park each year. The event, held July 27-28th, featured an Asian Marketplace with gifts and arts, the "Taste of Asian" food court, performing arts, and Dragon Boat racing. This year, the Asian Pacific Development Center and Denver Public Health teamed up to provide tobacco prevention, education, and cessation information to event attendees. Along with tobacco quit kits, tobacco brochures and information were available in Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Laotian, Hmong, and Cambodian for community members to utilize. The Own Your C-ride was also present distributing materials to youth in attendance. Don't miss the opportunity to experience the delights of Denver's Asian American/Pacific Islander community next year!



DATH Open House connects with community

A DATH Open House was held on June 26th to introduce the redesign of the coalition and to gather feedback from community members on issues they would like to see addressed within their communities. Great ideas were shared by all as we look forward to a new focus of the coalition. The Open House was held at the beautiful Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library in Five Points.



SAVE the DATE for the next DATH Meeting:

Thursday, Sept. 20th
Denver Public Health
2nd Floor Auditorium
605 Bannock Street

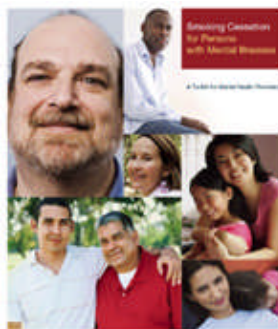
Look for more details in the August TFT Newsletter!

Dr. Flores bids farewell to LSTPEN

Friends and colleagues gathered to bid Dr. Estevan Flores farewell on the occasion of his leaving Denver and the Latino/a Research & Policy Center at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. Dr. Flores has served as the Executive Director of the Latino/a Research & Policy Center and an associate professor in the Department of Health and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. Dr. Flores has published on cancer, cancer prevention, and immigration to the U.S. He has written nationally syndicated columns on Latinos and education, immigration, health, labor and social justice. He served five years on the Colorado Board of Public Health. Dr. Flores is also a member of the National Minority Advisory Committee which provides guidance to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in order to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities. In addition, he serves on the National Latino Council on Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention. Locally, he and his staff have just finished an extensive study on Latinos and Tobacco and has worked with STEPP to develop the Latino Statewide Parent Coalition. Dr. Flores will be joining the Nevada Cancer Institute in Las Vegas as Chief of Population Sciences and Cancer Control on September 1st, 2007. While he will be missed, we know that he will continue to support efforts to help Latinos both in Nevada and throughout the nation.



Mental Health Provider Toolkits available through STEPP



STEPP has recently completed the development of the "Mental Health Provider Toolkit" which is a 42-page binder that educates mental health providers about specific guidelines and strategies to use to reduce the burden of tobacco among persons with mental illness. You may order a free copy of this toolkit through www.steppitems.com.

DATH Members:



Do you have information or upcoming events that you would like to share with the coalition?

Send an email to Amber at Amber.Leytem@dhha.org to have your article included in the next DATH newsletter!

Upcoming Community Events:

- **11th Annual Neighbors in Health/ Vecinos de Salud Health Fair**
Sunday, August 5th 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Kaiser Permanente's Medical Offices
1375 East 20th Ave (20th and LaFayette)
- **Peace 'n the Streets Health and Safety Fair** Saturday, August 11th
Five Points - Curtis Mestizo Park
- **Denver Urban Spectrum presents Turning Page Twenty: Celebrating 20 years of spreading the news about people of color.**
Wed., Fri., Saturday August 15, 17, 18th
- **El Grito de la Independencia/ Mexican Independence Day** Sunday, Sept. 16th
Numerous celebration activities will be held
- more info to come in August Newsletter



Help your community quit smoking!

Interested in providing extra support to friends or family once they've decided to quit smoking? Denver Public Health can help! We offer a **free** facilitator's training for the American Cancer Society's You Can Quit Program. After completing the training, you will be ready to offer your own quit smoking class. This is a perfect fit for faith-based communities, health/wellness services, neighborhood associations, and non-profit organizations. You will be able to offer a 4-session course that helps participants quit smoking by providing information and activities on getting ready to quit, withdrawal symptoms, healthy living, and staying quit. Call Amber Leytem at 303-436-7934 for more information!