

Young Lungs at Play

Program Description



Prevent Children’s Exposure to Secondhand Smoke

Municipalities, school districts, youth sports organizations and other groups are invited to join the Pennsylvania Department of Health and partnering agencies in eliminating children’s exposure to secondhand smoke at public parks and playgrounds. Policy initiatives are key strategies in influencing community norms and effective ways to limit exposure to the dangers of secondhand smoke. This initiative protects the environment and protects the health of all. We will support you as you work to create tobacco-free parks and playgrounds.

Join Young Lungs at Play in 3 Easy Steps:

1. **Implement** a local 100% tobacco free ordinance, policy or resolution in public areas where children play to help accomplish this. Identify the specific areas within the park or playground being covered and include:
 - a statement that all forms of tobacco use and electronic smoking devices are prohibited;
 - an enforcement plan; and
 - a communications plan for informing the public
2. **Apply** to participate in Young Lungs at Play!
3. **Install** Young Lungs at Play signs at designated areas.

Young Lungs at Play Resources

- Local staff or volunteers may attend your meetings and provide Young Lungs at Play information: sample ordinances, policies, or resolutions; and
- Sample press releases to notify the general community and media.

Young Lungs at Play Signs

You will be provided with no-cost standard pre-imprinted 12”x 18” metal signs to place in your tobacco-free area(s) after implementing a tobacco free parks policy. You will also be placed on the Pennsylvania Young Lungs at Play Honor Roll, recognizing your efforts in becoming a tobacco free community!

For more information about Young Lungs at Play, visit the website

<http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Healthy%20Living/Smoke%20Free%20Tobacco/Pages/YLAP.aspx#.Ve8uO6HD-Uk> or contact:

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