## Tobacco Use Prevention Among Youth and Young Adults

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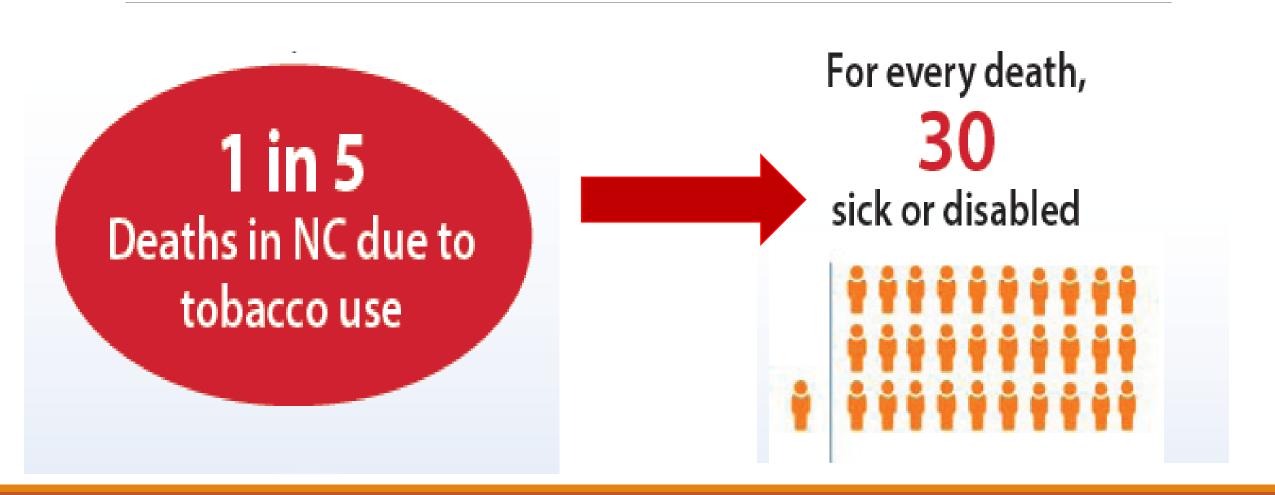
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#### The Burden of Tobacco Use in NC



## Tobacco Use, Heart Disease & Stroke

Almost 1/3 of deaths from coronary heart disease are attributable to smoking and secondhand smoke.

Prolonged exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of a stroke by **20-30%** 

Source: US Department of Health and Human Services. 50 Years of Progress: A Report of the Surgeon General, 2014. 2014. Available at: http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports/50-years-of-progress/50-years-of-progress-bysection.html.

Smoking costs
North Carolina
\$3.81 billion
per year in
health care costs



There is an additional annual cost of \$293 million from health problems due to secondhand smoke.



## The Health Consequences of Smoking—50 Years of Progress

A Report of the Surgeon General

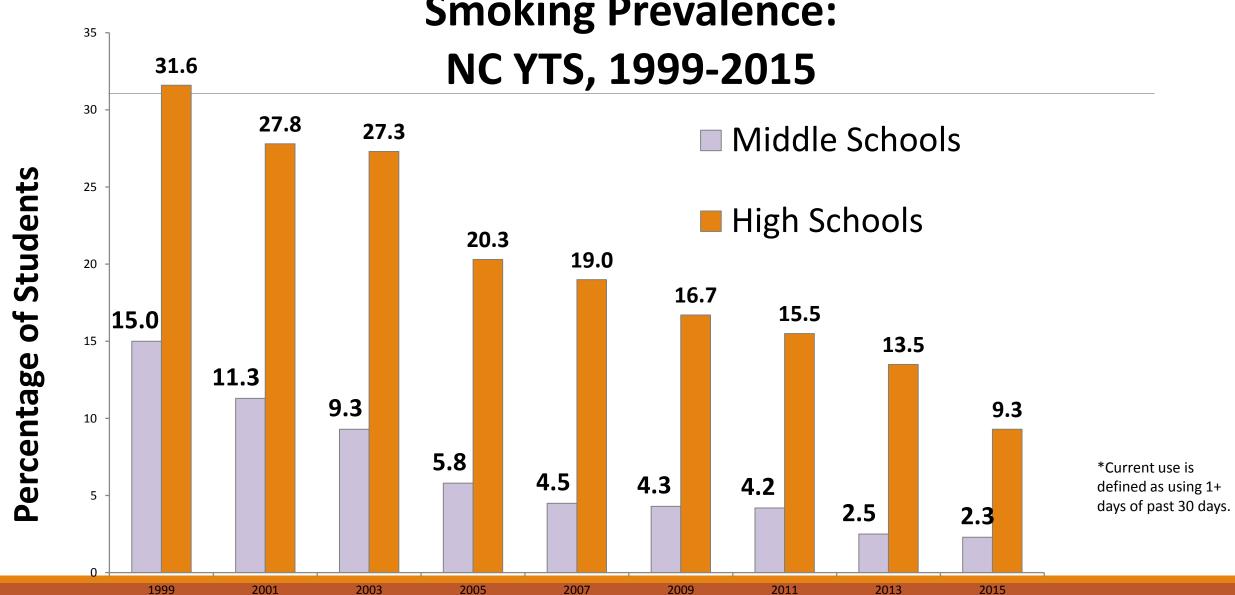


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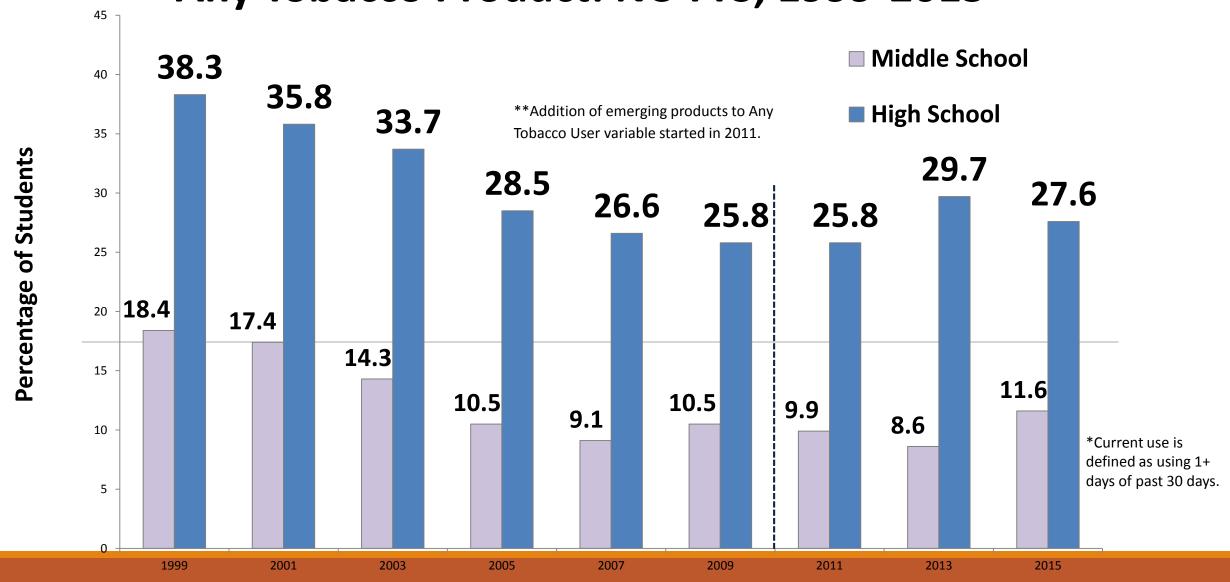
of tobacco users start before the age of 18

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

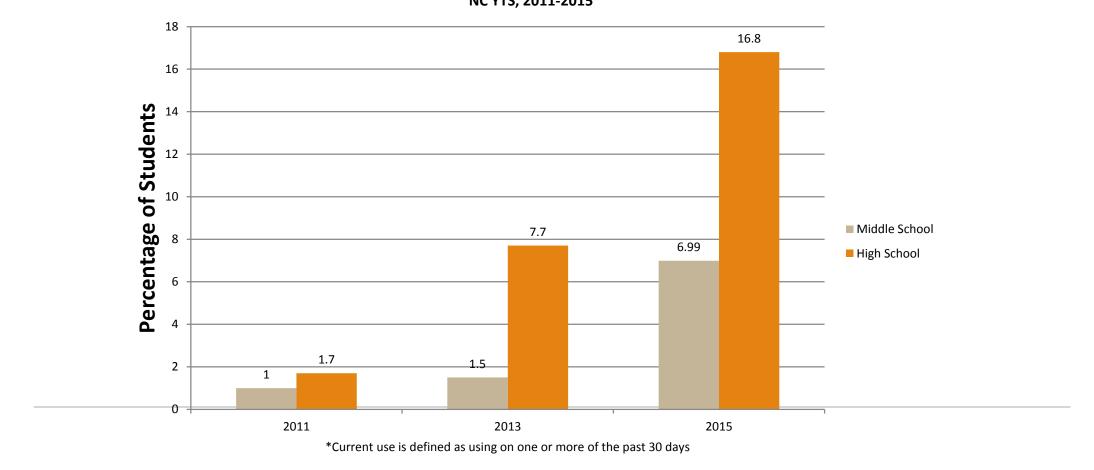
## NC Middle & High School Current\* Smoking Prevalence:



## NC Middle & High School Current\* Users of Any Tobacco Product: NC YTS, 1999-2015

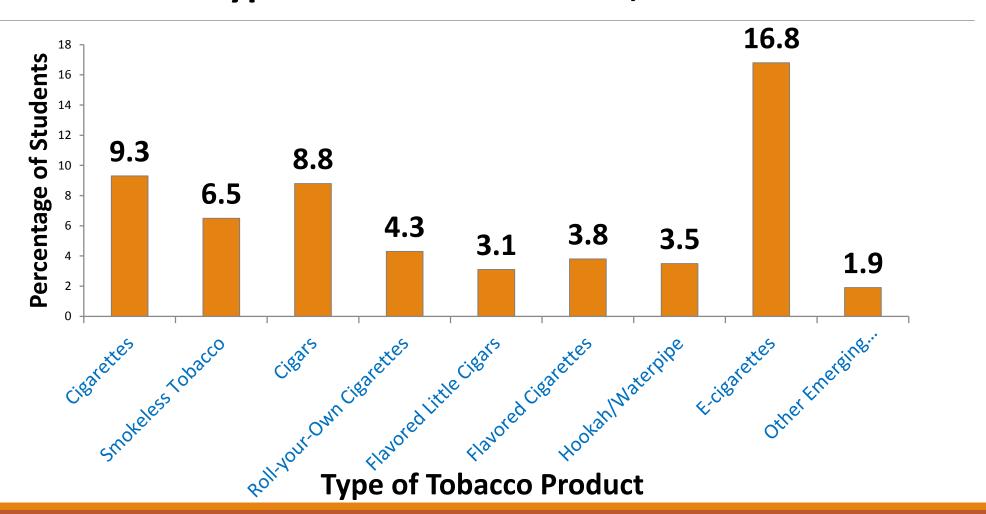


### NC Middle and High School Current\* E-Cigarette Use: NC YTS, 2011-2015



Between 2011 and 2015 current use of electronic cigarettes among NC high school students jumped by 888%, from 1.7% to 16.8%. During the same time period electronic cigarette use among middle school students increased 599%, from 1% to 6.99%.

# Percentage of High School Students Currently Using Tobacco Products by Type of Product: NC YTS, 2015





### Various Types of E-Cigarettes





Rechargeable – Replacement Cartridges



Rechargeable – Refillable Tank System





Image Source: Wake Forest Baptist Health; ecigaretteb2c.com

Disposables

Mods

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### Teenagers Embrace JUUL, Saying It's Discreet Enough To Vape In Class

December 4, 2017 11:58 AM ET

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Tobacco Control Legal Consortium

**New Direction for the FDA?** 

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## JUUL's Sleek Design

The JUUL device, with its sleek design that resembles a flash drive, is a special hit with teens.

#### Teens say:

"It's definitely more discreet"

"JUULs are so simple and easy to use"

"JUUL has multiple flavors"

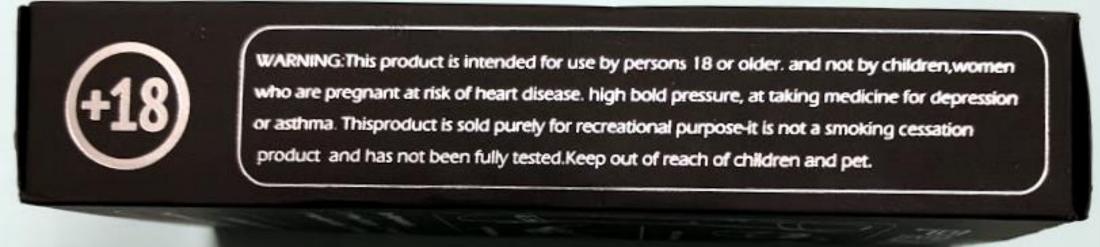
"This is not vaping, it is JUULing"



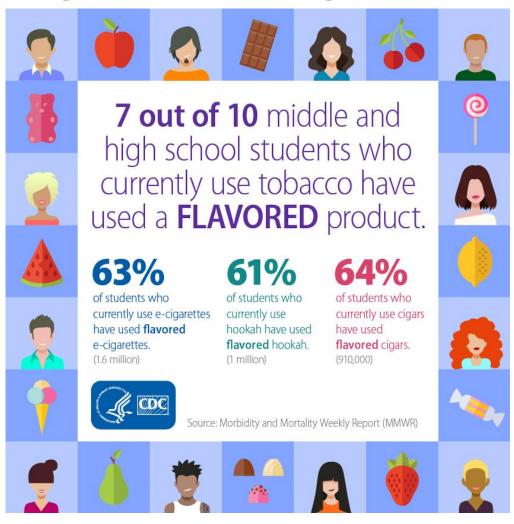


"Warlock Peas"
Popular Among Teens in Eastern NC
Purchased online 3-2018 for \$12.95





## A Majority of Current Youth E-cigarette Users Report Using Flavored E-cigarettes



### Flavors and Brands

Over 460 brands (Zhu et al., 2014)

7,764 unique flavors







Image Sources: www.ecigarettereviewed.com

### What's in the E-cigarette Aerosol?

Misperception of harmless "water vapor"

Nicotine – highly addictive

Flavors – increasing our understanding of the risks from inhalation of these flavors into lung tissue

Several harmful toxins have been found, but at levels lower than conventional cigarettes; depends largely on the device voltage

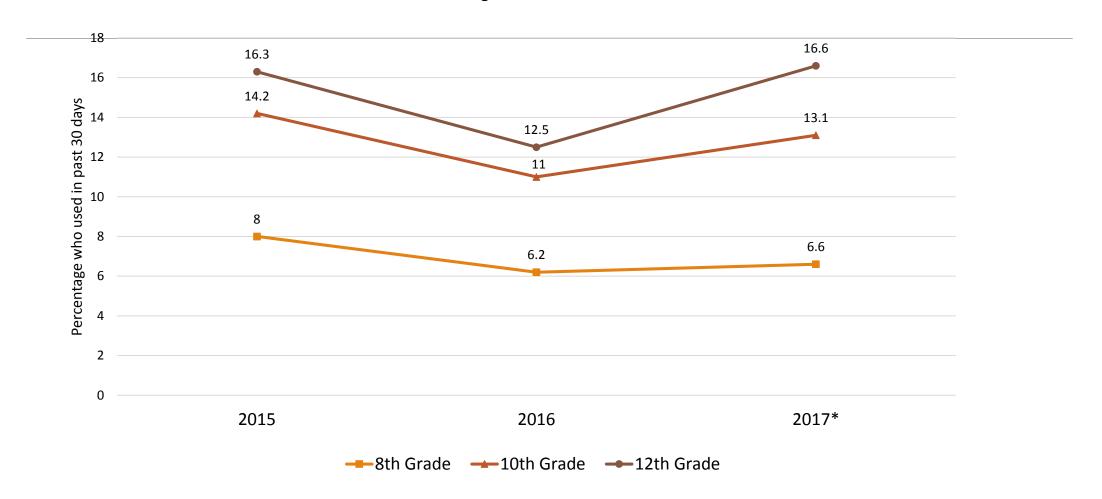
Fine and ultrafine particles delivered are <u>similar</u> to conventional cigarettes—some tobacco specific carcinogens have been documented

Propylene glycol--can cause respiratory illness (Grana et al., 2014)

Heavy Metals have been documented: tin, silver, iron, nickel aluminum, sodium, chromium, copper, magnesium, manganese, lead, potassium and silicate nanoparticles (CDC, 2017, Rule, 2018)

#### National Trends in Youth E-cigarettes Use

30 Day Use Monitoring the Future 2015-2017

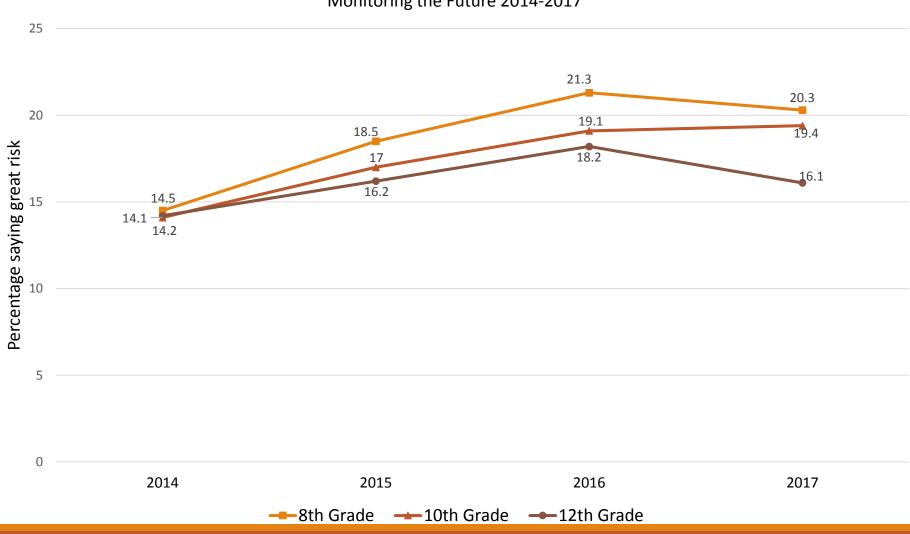


\*In 2017, the surveys switched from asking about vaping in general to asking separately about vaping nicotine, marijuana, and just flavoring.

Beginning in 2017, data presented for any vaping are based on these new questions.

#### National Perceptions of Harmfulness of Using **E-cigarettes Regularly**

Monitoring the Future 2014-2017



## Among Youth, E-cigarette Use May Lead to Conventional Cigarette Use

U.S. adolescents and young adults who had never smoked, but used ecigarettes at baseline, were 8.3 times more likely to progress to cigarette smoking after 1 year than nonusers of e-cigarettes



US Surgeon General Report, 2016

### Research at UNC-CH School of Medicine (TCORS)



## National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Report on E-cigarettes

- National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine released a new 2018 report on e-cigarettes that's the most comprehensive look at the evidence to date.
- A panel of experts analyzed the findings of 800 peer-reviewed studies and came out with a grab bag of conclusions about ecigarettes' public health impact.
- •600-page Report
- The FDA commissioned the NAS report to help inform its regulations.

## Major Conclusions of the Report

1) E-cigarettes may — or may not — help adults quit smoking

There is "insufficient evidence" that e-cigarettes can help people quit smoking.

2) E-cigarette use increases the likelihood that young people will smoke cigarettes

Children using e-cigarettes are at an increased risk of using tobacco cigarettes in the future

3) The big-picture/long term health effects of e-cigarettes are still a question mark

Committee didn't report that e-cigarettes are safe or that switching from traditional cigarettes to e-cigarette use will save lives.

## Conclusions of the Report---Heart Disease and Stroke

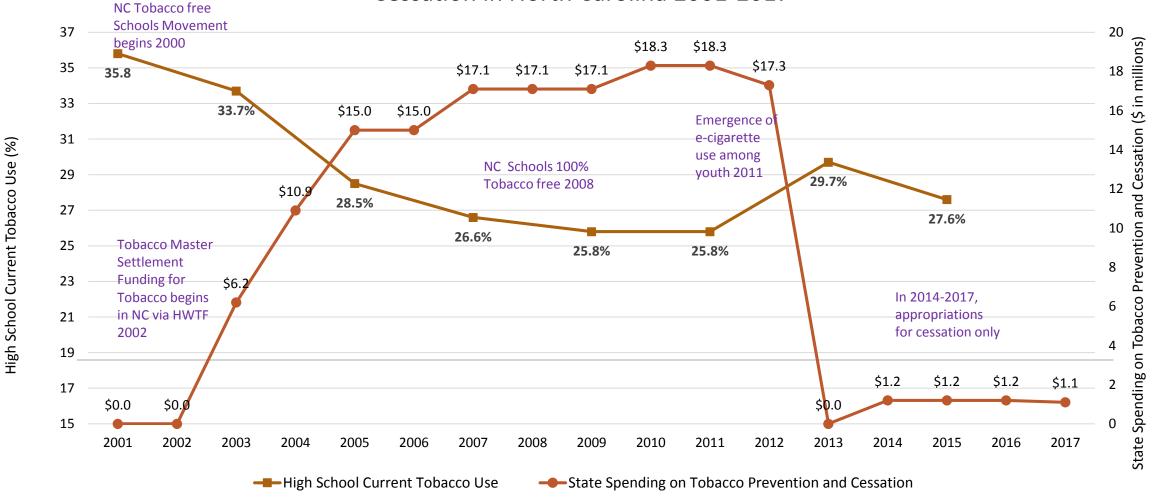
**Conclusion 9-2.** There is *substantial evidence* that heart rate increases after nicotine intake from e-cigarettes.

**Conclusion 9-3.** There is *moderate evidence* that diastolic blood pressure increases after nicotine intake from e-cigarettes.

**Conclusion 9-4.** There is *limited evidence* that e-cigarette use is associated with a short-term increase in systolic blood pressure, changes in biomarkers of oxidative stress, increased endothelial dysfunction and arterial stiffness, and autonomic control.

**Conclusion 9-5.** There is *insufficient evidence* that e-cigarette use is associated with long-term changes in heart rate, blood pressure, and cardiac geometry and function.

### High School Tobacco Use and State Spending on Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation in North Carolina 2001-2017



Since 2001, North Carolina has received an average of \$149,825,874 per year from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement

### News and Observer Headline

April 4, 2018



BY KATE ZERNIKE New York Times

The student had been caught vaping in school three times before he sat in the vice principal's office at Cape Elizabeth High School in Maine this winter and shamefacedly admitted what by then was obvious.

"I can't stop," he told the vice principal, Nate Carpenter.

So Carpenter asked the school nurse about getting the teenager nicotine gum or a patch, to help him get through the school day without violating the rules



Liz Blackwell, a school nurse with Boulder Valley School District, shows a collection of vape pens that have been confiscated from students during a presentation last month at Nevin Platt Middle School in Boulder, Colo.

evaluation was that those things don't work," Jennifer Kovarik, who runs tobacco prevention programs for Boulder County, Colo., said of the company's efforts to keep their products away from teenagers. "If they didn't want youth to use it, it would be sold in 18-and-over-only establishments. It's available at Circle Ks across the country."

E-cigarettes deliver nicotine through a liquid that is heated into vapor and inhaled, cutting out the cancer-causing tar of vaping liquids contain additives such as propylready pretty scary."

The industry points to a 2016 British study that says that vaping does not lead nonsmokers to become smokers. But the 2016 Monitoring the Future study, sponsored by the federal government's National Institute on Drug Abuse, followed students who in 12th grade had never smoked a cigarette and found that a year later. those who used e-cigarettes were about four times as likely to have smoked a cigarette.

A study released in Jancombustible cigarettes. But uary by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine

## Prevention is Critical

"Successful multicomponent programs prevent young people from starting to use tobacco in the first place and more than pay for themselves in lives and health care dollars saved".

Source: US Department of Health and Human Services. 50 Years of Progress: A Report of the Surgeon General, 2014. 2014. Available at:

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SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT ON SMOKING & HEALTH OWNIVERSARY

Your Guide to the 50th Anniversary Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health



## Current FY18 State Funding for Tobacco Use Prevention

\$375,000 for ten regional tobacco use prevention programs through local health departments and collaborating partners, covering all one hundred (100) counties in North Carolina.

**\$75,000** for a contract with Youth Empowered Solutions (YES!) to plan and conduct trainings and technical assistance in collaboration with state and local agencies focused on peer-led, adult-supported tobacco use prevention programs.

**\$50,000** for a contract with UNC-CH, Tobacco Prevention Evaluation Program (TPEP), an independent evaluator, to assess the reach and effectiveness of the tobacco use prevention program.

### Performance Measures 2017-18:

- Effective tobacco-use prevention messages
- Education of and organizational involvement of adults who influence youth such as parents, teachers, staff and faculty, health and mental health professionals
- Number of smoke-free/tobacco free policies, including e-cigarettes, adopted by local governments, colleges, housing, and workplaces
- Compliance with tobacco-free schools law, tobacco-free child care center rules and tobacco-free college campuses
- Collaborative efforts to reduce youth access to tobacco products
- Collaborative efforts to address tobacco use prevention in schools through the Whole Child, Whole School, Whole Community model

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