

Oregon's Latino Tobacco Prevention & Education Network

at Oregon Human Development Corporation

Strategies for Addressing Increased Smoking among Migrant Farm Workers

What's the problem?

Health care experts believe that smoking prevalence among migrant farm workers has increased in the past several years. This trend is alarming because migrant farm workers face more substantial health challenges than other groups, and have fewer resources with which to face these challenges. Specialized services, such as substance abuse prevention and treatment, are virtually nonexistent for migrant farm workers.

Why should we care?

- Smoking can cause lung cancer, which is the leading cause of death among Hispanics.
- Many farm workers are not protected by sick leave and risk losing their jobs if they miss a day of work due to illness.
- Many farm workers are reluctant to seek medical care because lack of health care coverage.
- Farm workers tend to visit health care providers only in emergencies and often do not receive routine or preventative health care.



What is Oregon's Latino TPEN doing to address this problem?

Oregon's Latino TPEN is now working on several strategies to address increased smoking among migrant farm workers.

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1. Partnering with migrant health clinics statewide to promote awareness of tobacco use and cessation resources.
2. Collaborating with state agencies and organizations to provide tobacco use and cessation training to migrant farm clinic staff.
3. Presenting to Latino community organizations on tobacco use and cessation.
4. Encourage collaboration and networking among individuals & organizations interested in Latino health.

What can these strategies do for our community?

- Reduce rates of cancer and heart disease among farm workers
- Promote a healthy community
- Model healthy, non-smoking behavior for our children
- Reduce stress on the health care system by reducing emergency and catastrophic care

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