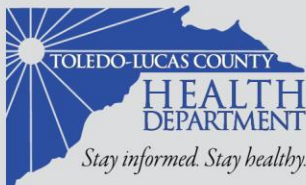


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March 1, 2018

Health Department Awarded Tobacco Cessation Grant

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department (TLCHD) has been awarded the Community Cessation Initiative (CCI) grant from the Ohio Department of Health. The focus of this grant is to decrease tobacco use county-wide and increase access and knowledge of cessation services available. The overall objective is to create a referral network for tobacco cessation services in Lucas County, while helping potential patients reach the appropriate services. Through this referral network, TLCHD will be able to provide appropriate follow-up and relapse management after treatment is complete, ensuring the best possible attempt to quit smoking.

As part of this initiative, TLCHD is working to identify and bridge the gaps regarding current cessation services offered in Lucas County. The three disparate populations identified include: pregnant women, African Americans, and Latinos residing in low socioeconomic communities.

The Health Department is seeking as many community partners as possible who would be interested in contributing their services and/or referrals to the CCI Lucas County network. These community partnerships may include provider partnerships, referral partnerships, or both.

The Health Department's Tobacco Cessation group is hosting a Stakeholders Meeting at 9:00 am on March 6, 2018 at the United Way of Greater Toledo. This meeting is open to all potential stakeholders.

For more information and/or to express your interest, please contact the CCI Lucas County Tobacco Line at (419)213-4558.

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