



## TOBACCO FREE KANSAS COALITION

Our Mission: To eliminate tobacco use among Kansans through advocacy, education, and collaboration

**Join TFKC today to help us prevent youth initiation & increase support for our statewide partners!**

Membership is FREE and offers opportunities to enhance leadership skills and stay up-to-date with statewide tobacco prevention issues.

### Benefits to Membership:

- Enhance leadership skills as a Board member
- Develop new partnerships thru committee work
- Inform local coalitions on state tobacco issues
- Provide expert testimony on state bills
- Participate in special training opportunities

### Committees:

#### Legislative:

- Develops legislative priorities
- Plan statewide tobacco campaigns
- Creates campaign messaging

#### Membership:

- Creates opportunities to increase membership
- Develops communication strategies
- Plans fun networking events

#### Nominating:

- Recruits new Board/committee members
- Organizes annual elections
- Develops election communications



**To become a member or join a committee,  
please email [info@tobaccofreekansas.org](mailto:info@tobaccofreekansas.org)**

## 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Raise the age of tobacco sales to 21
- Maintain funding for tobacco prevention
- Medicaid Expansion: 150,000 additional Kansans will have access to tobacco cessation coverage
- Maintain authority of local municipalities to raise age of sale for tobacco products (Tobacco 21)

### PROTECT KANSAS KIDS FROM BIG TOBACCO

## Raise The Age KS

Raise The Age KS is a statewide effort led by diverse health groups and leaders across Kansas to decrease youth tobacco use by increasing the age of sale to 21 years for all tobacco products.

**Tobacco use remains the #1 cause of preventable death.**

Nearly **95%** of adults who smoke started before the age of 21.

**1,500 Kansas youth become new daily smokers each year.**

**At current rates, 61,000 of our kids will die prematurely from smoking.**

**Kansas youth smoking rates are higher than the national average.**



**Raising the sale age of tobacco products to 21 could reduce the prevalence of smoking by 12%, saving thousands of lives & millions of dollars.**

The success of our campaign to pass a statewide Tobacco 21 policy relies on a strong network of grassroots advocates.

We need your help cultivating and mobilizing our network of individuals and organizations to show Kansas lawmakers that this policy has broad support from communities in every corner of the state.

To get involved with Raise the Age KS or the TFKC Legislative Committee, please email [info@tobaccofreekansas.org](mailto:info@tobaccofreekansas.org)