

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you know any enthusiastic and committed Youth or you are that Youth and would like to join the Coalition in our Tobacco Education and advocacy efforts contact us or attend one of our meetings!

To nominate a Youth, join the Coalition, or for more information about meeting details contact: 454-4716 or email:

[lorena.ramos@co.santa-cruz.ca.us](mailto:lorena.ramos@co.santa-cruz.ca.us)

If you have general questions about tobacco or smoking, call 454-4141.

For smoking violations: call 454-4319 or email: [lorena.ramos@co.santa-cruz.ca.us](mailto:lorena.ramos@co.santa-cruz.ca.us)

**For more information and tobacco related resources you may visit our web page and Facebook page:**

<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/tobacco>  
<http://www.facebook.com/sctobaccoeducation>



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## ABOUT THE COALITION

The Santa Cruz County Tobacco Education Coalition (TEC) is a non-profit partnership of people and organizations that are committed to promoting and advocating a tobacco-free lifestyle and environment at the local, state, and national levels. We empower our communities to effect individual and social change through education, advocacy collaboration, and coordination of resources. The Coalition recognizes individual rights and cultural traditions, while encouraging community responsibility and involvement. The TEC includes representatives from agencies, schools, local community-based organizations, and individuals with special interest or expertise in tobacco control.

## COALITION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Creating** smoke-free beaches and parks in Santa Cruz and Capitola.

**Working** with local law enforcement to create smoke-free jail facilities.

**Educating** community agencies about adopting tobacco-free donations/sponsorship policies.

**Maintaining** compliance with smoke-free workplace laws

**Reducing** access to tobacco among youth.

**Advocating** for non-smokers rights.

**Encouraging** apartment residents and managers to create smoke-free living areas.

**Collaborating** with local agencies to create smoke-free event policies.

## JOIN THE COALITION

The Tobacco Education Coalition is looking for committed Youth interested in joining the Coalition efforts in advocating for a tobacco-free Santa Cruz County!

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**3 to 6 Meetings** are held during the year, on Wednesday, from 9:30- 11:00 a.m.

### ***Too busy to attend a meeting?***

Active membership continues to be defined as participation in TEC activities, including one or more of the following per year:

1. Participate in letter writing campaigns, educate local decision makers, and community members about tobacco.
2. Participate in developing work plans.
3. Participate in tobacco control projects, activities, and/or events.
4. Attend a TEC meeting