

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/tobacco>



**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
HEALTH SERVICES
AGENCY**

**TOBACCO EDUCATION
COALITION**



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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 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) agencies to create smoke-free event policies.

JOIN THE COALITION

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of odd months, from 9:30- 10:30 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