



National Behavioral Health Network

For Tobacco & Cancer Control

WHO WE ARE

The National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco & Cancer Control (NBHN) is 1 of 8 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Networks that ignite action to eliminate tobacco- and cancer-related disparities. NBHN serves as a resource hub for health care professionals seeking to reduce these disparities among people with mental illnesses and addictions.

1,500+

individual members representing community mental health centers, state governments, public health agencies, hospitals and federally qualified health centers

WHAT WE DO

NBHN strengthens the capacity of health care professionals to develop and implement efforts focused on eliminating tobacco- and cancer-related disparities among people with mental illnesses and addictions.

Since 2013, NBHN has provided its members with numerous resources to support those efforts.



Training and Technical Assistance

Through educational sessions, webinars, presentations and other targeted approaches, NBHN has provided direct training and technical support to hundreds of health care professionals, as well as a cadre of state, local and national stakeholders in enhancing their tobacco and cancer control efforts.



Partnerships and Collaboration

NBHN has reached 51,714 new individuals by engaging with local, state and national partners, participating in CDC-sponsored trainings, meetings and events, and serving on workgroup and steering committees related to tobacco and cancer control.



State Strategy Sessions

NBHN convenes state strategy sessions, bringing together cross-sector stakeholders to collaboratively address tobacco-related disparities for people with mental illnesses and addictions.



Communities of Practice

Over several months, participating community mental health centers, as well as state and tribal agency teams, partner with technical experts and their peers to develop and implement action plans to enhance their tobacco and cancer control and prevention efforts directed toward people with mental illnesses and addictions.

70% of individuals who use tobacco and live with a mental illness want to quit smoking.

200,000 of the 443,000-annual tobacco-related deaths in the US are among people with mental illnesses.

25% of adults in the US have some form of mental illness or addiction, and these adults consume almost 40% of all cigarettes smoked by adults.

HIGHLIGHTS

5,000+

Webinar Attendees

5

Communities of Practice

providing more than 50 organizations with intensive support on tobacco and cancer control

5

State Strategy Sessions

with more than 200 stakeholders to develop statewide action plans to address tobacco cessation

20,000+

Website Visitors

WHERE WE'RE GOING

Supporting Greater Health Outcomes

The strong link between tobacco- and cancer-related deaths among people with mental illnesses and addictions is undeniable. NBHN members and partners are committed to continuing to improve these disparate health outcomes through health systems change at local, state and national levels.

Building Capacity

NBHN will continue to support capacity building of health care professionals to develop and implement efforts to eliminate tobacco- and cancer-related disparities that persist among people with mental illnesses and addictions through expanded training and technical assistance efforts.

Prioritizing Behavioral Health Populations

NBHN will continue to highlight people with mental illnesses and addictions as a priority population. High tobacco- and cancer-related disparities disproportionately impact these individuals. Developing new partnerships with community mental health centers remains a priority in all future efforts to serve these individuals.

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