

School-Based Tobacco Prevention Updates

January 2009

Year in Review: 2008

- ☺ The Federal Trade Commission [Throws Out Cigarette Tar and Nicotine Tests](#), stating that these tests are "likely to misled consumers".
- ☺ The US House of Representatives Votes to [Grant FDA Authority over Tobacco Products](#). Look for the US Senate vote in 2009!
- ☺ [India Protects One Billion People](#) by becoming the largest country to go smoke-free, banning smoking in worksites and public places.
- ☺ [Landmark US Supreme Court Ruling](#) permits lawsuits against manufacturers for the marketing of "light" and "low-tar" cigarettes.
- ☹ [States Still Fail to Adequately Fund Tobacco Prevention Programs](#) ten years later.
- ☹ [Altria Acquires UST](#); the world's largest spit tobacco and cigarette companies are now one.
- ☹ [Big Tobacco Continues to Market to Children](#) with the release of snus and dissolvable nicotine strips.

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year everyone! This edition of the newsletter is jam-packed with upcoming activities and trainings, so 2009 is sure to be a busy year. Please be sure to check out the information about the Youth Tobacco Activism Summit, and register for a [N-O-T](#) facilitator training if you haven't already. You can also revisit the important events that took place in 2008; the good, the bad, and the ugly! Please note the RFP for your 2009-2010 tobacco prevention grants will be emailed to you on January 26th; plenty of time to work on your grant in advance of the May 1st deadline. I'll also be sending out registration information for the spring regional trainings shortly, so be on the look-out!

-Kate Larose



Register Now!

Register [here](#) to attend the *Empowered for Change: Youth Tobacco Activism Summit*. The Vermont Department of Education has contracted with Essex CHIPS to organize this one of a kind event. This summit will be full of terrific national speakers and is FREE for all Vermont 8th-12th grade students and their advisors.

Through with Chew Week Toolkit

Through with Chew Week will occur February 15th-21st. To help you prepare for your event, the Through With Chew Week website created a toolkit with everything you need: background information, sample resolutions, and fun activities. Though the toolkit was created especially for Wyoming, you can still use these activities to raise awareness and promote local community events. To download your brochures and toolkit, [click here](#).

Training Opportunities

Mark your calendars for these exciting events:

January 30th, 2009, Fairlee, VT
[Empowered for Change: Youth Tobacco Activism Summit](#)

March 24th-26th, 2009, Burlington, VT
[Masons CARE Training](#)

April 3rd, 2009, Storrs, CT
[7th Annual Northeast Media Literacy Conference](#)

June 10th-12th, 2009, Phoenix, AZ
[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#)

Kick Butts Day 2009

Be sure to mark your calendars for April 2nd, 2008 for Kick Butts Day. For more information, an activity guide, or to register your event, visit www.kickbuttsday.org



Tobacco in the News

[RJ Reynolds' Snus Goes National](#)

[Boston Set to Ban Tobacco Sales at Pharmacies, College Campuses](#)

[Second Hand Smoke Causes Fertility Problems](#)

[Environmental Tobacco Smoke Exposure and Child Behaviors](#)

[Vermont Called Healthiest US State](#)

[Children of Smokers Tend to Be More Impulsive](#)

[Teen Girls Smoke Now, Pay Later with Larger Waistlines as Adults](#)

[Snus May Increase Risk of Fatal Stroke](#)