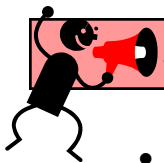


# RE Coordinator Newsletter

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It was good to see many of you at the States of Change and Grantee Meeting last week. We know the past several months have been busy for you and we appreciate your hard work toward implementing the new evaluation requirements.
- We will be posting the Evaluation Reports in G-Wiz soon. These reports reflect the data collected from programming efforts during January and February.
- Progress and Activity Report Worksheets for each strategy have been updated to reflect changes made in the G-Wiz system. They are now posted on [otrec.org](http://otrec.org) at the top of the Evaluation Tools page.



## PREVENTION STRATEGIES: UPDATES & REMINDERS

### School and Community-based Youth Prevention



- OTREC will post the 1st Period Evaluation Report based on the materials received up until February 28th at 5 pm. These should be available in G-Wiz by the end of the month.

### Prevention Curricula Training

- We will be updating the Prevention Curricula Training Survey to better track the number of surveys collected. If you are involved in Curricula Training we will notify you when the new survey has been posted on [otrec.org](http://otrec.org) and contact you about the new protocol.

### Support or Establish a stand Team

- Although your G-Wiz Requirements Checklist (color-coded chart with reporting requirements) shows an Evaluation Report for **stand** Team strategies, Northlich will not be posting reports to G-Wiz. However, G-Wiz is being designed to provide you feedback on the number of events, meetings, and trainings held by your team in comparison to other teams across the state.



## ***CESSATION STRATEGIES: UPDATES & REMINDERS***

### **Adult Cessation**

- We will soon be distributing an updated class batch sheet that includes more choices for the site of cessation classes. We will notify you when this form goes into effect. Old versions of the form will continue to be accepted.



- OTREC will post the 1st Period Evaluation Report based on the materials received up until February 28th at 5 pm. These should be available in G-Wiz by the end of the month.
- When sending original consents to OTREC, please be sure to use certified or registered mail. This is important because the consent forms contain confidential, identifying contact information. These can be mailed in once a reporting period or once a quarter, as long as they are sent on a regular basis.

### **Training Health Professionals in Brief Interventions**

- We will be updating the Training Health Professionals Survey to better track the number of surveys collected. We will notify you when the new survey has been posted on otrec.org.



- OTREC will post the 1st Period Evaluation Report based on the materials received up until February 28th at 5 pm. These should be available in G-Wiz by the end of the month.

### **Distribution of Quit Kits**



- OTREC will post the 1st Period Evaluation Report for fax referrals related to Distribution of Quit Kits. These should be available in G-Wiz by the end of the month.



## ***SECONDHAND SMOKE: UPDATES & REMINDERS***

- No updates this month.



## ***COMMUNITY AWARENESS STRATEGIES: UPDATES &***

### **Coalition Development**

- The Coalition Member survey has been put on hold temporarily to allow time for further development.
- Although your G-Wiz Requirements Checklist (color-coded chart with reporting requirements) shows an Evaluation Report for Coalition Development, at this time there are no plans to add an evaluation report from OTREC to the Coalition Development strategy.



## JEFF'S EVALUATION CORNER

This month's evaluation corner focuses on the impressive achievements of Ohio's tobacco control community since MSA monies were used to establish OTPF.

The data regarding Ohio's recent success in reducing adult tobacco use is compelling. Between 2001 and 2005, the adult smoking rate in Ohio dropped from 27.6% to 22.3%. During this 5-year period, Ohio was one of only 14 states that achieved statistically significant reductions in their adult smoking rates. Ohio's rate of decline was twice that of the national rate of decline over this period. In fact, Ohio had the 4th largest rate of decline in the nation during this 5-year span. Ohio is clearly becoming a model state in the tobacco control community.

When meeting with community leaders, it is important for grantees to connect their local program successes with the overall successes that are occurring in our state. The adult prevalence rate is something that most decision-makers are interested in. Illustrating how your programmatic activities have contributed to the statewide reductions in tobacco use will help maintain support for all of our programs.

Thank you all for your continued hard work with the evaluation requirements. Please let us know if we can help with any evaluation questions.

Until next month,

Jeff



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Second Progress and Activity Report Due Date: **April 30th**
- ✓ Data for Second Reporting Period due to OTREC by 5 pm on **April 30th**

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