

Break Free Alliance



COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

The current work of each committee is outlined below:

Communications Committee:

- Develops policy and cessation programming recommendations for correctional facilities.
- Disseminates national surveys to assess gaps in data, interventions and evaluation among homeless populations.
- Convenes expert panels to develop recommendations for cessation programming for facilities serving homeless, mentally ill and chemically dependent.
- Convenes a national Break Free Alliance conference (April 2010 in New Orleans) to highlight promising strategies to reduce tobacco related disparities.
- Advocates for policy, interventions and cessation services for low SES populations.
- Disseminates promising practices for addressing asthma in low SES communities.

Sustainability Committee:

- Develops partnerships with research entities and other collaborators to submit applications for additional funding to further the field of tobacco control strategies for low SES populations.
- Develops and carries out a fund development plan for the Break Free Alliance.
- Expands the Break Free Alliance leadership and expertise to the U.S. territories and countries outside of the United States.
- Develops and carries out an advocacy plan to encourage policy makers to allocate more funding and resources for tobacco non-use interventions in low SES communities.

Network Development Committee:

- Recruits additional stakeholder organizations to expand the Break Free Alliance.
- Develops and carries out a protocol for expanding representation on the Break Free Alliance Coordinating Council.
- Carries out activities to influence state quitline services to promote cross referral and better reach to low SES communities.