

**DESOTO COUNTY TOBACCO-FREE PARTNERSHIP CHARTER**  
**Bylaw Addendum for Funding Year 2012-13**

**SECTION 1: MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the DESOTO COUNTY Tobacco-Free Partnership is to mobilize community partners to establish long-lasting system and policy changes that promote tobacco-free social norms in order to prevent usage of tobacco products by youth/young adults, encourage and support tobacco cessation, eliminate health hazards of secondhand smoke and decrease the number of deaths due to tobacco products.

**SECTION 2: VISION**

To develop and/or sustain core infrastructures of tobacco prevention and control activities, and promote usage of the Florida Quitline, in a culturally competent manner to deliver services that include diverse service providers represented in all goal areas, including county health departments, schools and higher education institutions, businesses, health care systems and providers, law enforcement, local and statewide non-profit agencies, and others as recommended by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *2007 Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs (CDC Best Practices)*

**SECTION 3: GOALS OF THE DC TOBACCO-FREE PARTNERSHIP**

Goal 1: Reduce Initiation of tobacco use among youth and young adults.

- Reduce Tobacco Industry influences (Retail Tobacco Advertising)
- Policy to restrict the sale of candy flavored tobacco products not covered by FDA regulations
- Policy to implement tobacco control model policies in K-12.

Goal 2: Eliminate secondhand smoke exposure.

- Promote policies to create smoke free multi-unit dwellings.

Goal 3: Promote cessation from tobacco use.

- Promote policies that increase the number of employees that offer cessation services to their employees.

**SECTION 4: FISCAL AGENT & FACILITATOR**

- For the Funding years of 2012-13 the Quit Doc Research & Education Foundation, and its officers, is the contract manager for the DESOTO COUNTY TFP.
- The Community Liaison for the TFP is the DESOTO COUNTY Tobacco Prevention Specialist contracted by Quit Doc Research & Education Foundation.

**SECTION 5: COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS**

The TFP is recognized as a documented Reporting Committee to the:

- LIST ANY ORGANIZATIONS OR COMMITTEES THE TFP REPORTS TO OR IS A MEMBER OF.
- ALSO LIST EACH ADULT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS ORGANIZATION HERE.
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**SECTION 6: PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS**

**Youth & Young Adult Participation:**

- 25% of Advisory Council membership shall include youth representation.
- Youth Members assume leadership in regard to tobacco control and advocacy, education and prevention, information exchange, policy development and decision-making.
- Youth Members agree to work within the mission, goals, objectives, and principles of the TFP when representing the project in public.

- Youth who are appointed to the TFP Advisory Council as a Youth Delegate will attend at least one (1) Regular Partnership a year.
- Youth Members will maintain active communication with the TFP Advisory Council.
- Youth Members, or the youth organization they participate in, must reside or provide services in DESOTO COUNTY.
- Youth members can participate in meeting via teleconferencing as long as all members present can hear the conversation.

**Adult Participation:**

- Members help plan, implement and evaluate comprehensive interventions with the potential to save lives and improve the health and well being of residents and visitors.
- Members assume leadership in regard to tobacco control and advocacy, education and prevention, information exchange, policy development and decision-making.
- Members agree to work within the mission, goals, objectives, and principles of the TFP when representing the project in public.
- Members speaking on behalf of the TFP must receive prior approval from the Advisory Council and may not promote one organization or individual over another.
- Members attend all regular meetings or send an appropriate representative.
- Members maintain active communication with the Officers.
- Members, or the member organization, must reside or provide services in DESOTO COUNTY to participate in decision-making, voting and bylaw revisions.

**SECTION 7: ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The TFP Advisory Council shall consist of a minimum of six (6) adult members and two (2) youth/young adult member and is the voting body of the Tobacco Free Partnership.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ORGANIZATION & REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2012-13:**

**List Organization Name – List Organization Representative Name**

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(Advisory Council- Adult)

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(Advisory Council- Youth/Young Adult)

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