



Greene County Tobacco Control Program "Always Bee Tobacco Free"

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Day Care Survey Highlights—June 30, 2003

Demographics

- 31 day cares completed the survey; 6 were a child day care center; 25 were family day care homes
- The number of employees ranged from 1-14, with a median number of 2
- The number of children ranged from 0-76, with a median number of 6

Smoking Policy

- 39% have a formal, written policy; 58% have an informal policy; 3% do not have a smoking policy
- 100% do not allow their employees, parents or visitors to smoke anywhere inside
- 74% do not allow employees to smoke anywhere on day care grounds; 13% allow employees to smoke only in designated areas; 13% allow employees to smoke anywhere outside
- 55% do not allow parents/visitors to smoke anywhere on day care grounds; 16% allow parents/visitors to smoke only in designated areas; 26% allow parents/visitors to smoke anywhere outside
- 97% of the day cares with smoking policies thought the policy was followed all of the time
- 14 day cares have established consequences for breaking policies—the most frequent consequence was dismissal
- The most common reasons why day cares established formal or informal smoking policies were health concerns, safety reasons and cleanliness

Assistance

Of the 31 day cares surveyed:

- 1 was interested in receiving information about other day cares' policies
- 8 were interested in information regarding laws regulating day care center tobacco use
- 8 were interested in receiving literature about day care center tobacco policies
- 1 was interested in receiving assistance in developing tobacco policies
- 13 were interested in programs for employees
- 3% offered insurance plans that cover tobacco cessation products or programs; 68% don't offer health insurance

Education for Children

- 19 day cares offered tobacco education to children—most offered informal lessons or discussions
- 19 were interested in receiving education for children
- Most were concerned about the age appropriateness of the material



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