



Greene County Tobacco Control Program "Always Bee Tobacco Free"

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Worksite Survey Highlights—June 30, 2003

Demographics

- 13 worksites completed the survey
- The number of employees ranged from 2 to 319, with a median number of 30

Smoking Policy

- 7 worksites have a formal, written smoking policy; 5 have an informal policy, but it isn't written down; 1 does not have a local worksite smoking policy
- 9 worksites do not allow their employees to smoke anywhere inside; 4 allow smoking inside, but only in designated areas
- 9 worksites have company-owned vehicles; 2 do not allow smoking in the vehicles; 3 allow smoking in the vehicles; 2 have no specific policy about smoking in the vehicles
- 7 worksites with smoking policies thought the policy was followed all of the time
- 9 worksites posted visible signage indicating their policy
- "Health concerns" and "Safety reasons" were "Very important" justifications why worksites establish smoking policies
- While most worksites agree that "Breathing tobacco smoke is harmful" and "I'll save on employee costs if I go smoke free," they also believe "I'll lose business if I go smoke free"

Assistance

Of the 13 worksites surveyed:

- 3 worksites were interested in assistance to develop or improve policies
- 1 worksite was interested in information regarding other worksite policies
- 1 worksite was interested in information about laws regulating tobacco use
- 3 worksites were interested in receiving literature on worksite tobacco policies
- 1 worksite was interested in assistance identifying experts to assist policy development
- 6 were interested in programs that could help employees quit using tobacco products
- Only 2 of the worksites that offer health insurance also include coverage for tobacco cessation products or programs
- In the past 12 months, only 1 of the worksites offered programs to help employees quit



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