

## Working with Your Local Boards of Health: Effective Strategies in Working with Policy Makers

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*Abstract:* County and city governments are among the most successful bodies enacting smoke-free and chronic disease prevention legislation; however, boards of health are often key players in the initiation of ordinance discussions, development of ordinance language, and implementation of resolutions or laws preventing obesity epidemics in communities. It is important for all individuals involved with protecting the health of a community to implement indoor smoking ordinances and obesity prevention policies. It is also vital for local municipalities to foster positive partnerships with boards of health to effectively protect the health of their local community.