

Fact Sheet

The National African American Tobacco Education Network's (NAATEN) mission is to serve as a leader and unified voice on a national level and engage African American/Black organizations in preventing and eliminating tobacco use.

Stakeholders:

AME Church
Dept. of Church
Growth and
Evangelism
Tennessee

Black Caucus of
Health Workers
Illinois

Black Clergy for
Substance Abuse
Prevention
California

Faith Initiatives
TN Dept. of Health
Commissioner's Office
Tennessee

International
Federation of
Black Prides
District of Columbia

National Black Nurses
Association
Illinois

National Dental
Association
Texas

National Pan-Hellenic
Council, Inc.
Texas

Partnership for
African American
Churches
West Virginia

The Fellowship
Texas

NAATEN is a collaborative of national African American stakeholders and member organizations that are committed to reducing the incidence of tobacco use within the African American community. Funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NAATEN works in pursuit of CDC's goal of eliminating health disparities between African Americans/Blacks and the general U.S. population.

Tobacco and the African American/Black Community

- In 1995, about 5.7 million African American adults smoked cigarettes, accounting for approximately 12% of the 47 adult smokers in the United States.³
- If current patterns continue, an estimated 1.6 million African Americans who are now under the age of 18 will become regular smokers. About 500,000 of those smokers will die of a smoking-related disease.³
- More than 25% of African-American youth are exposed to second-hand smoke in the home.²
- Eleven percent (11%) of African American middle school students and 17% of African American high school students smoke.²

Sources: 1. Center for Disease Control and Prevention; 2. American Legacy Foundation 3. Black Healthcare

10

States with Largest Percentage of African American/Black Smokers

1. Michigan (27.1%)	6. Texas (21.7%)
2. Louisiana (27.0%)	7. California (20.7%)
3. Illinois (24.9%)	8. Georgia (19.9%)
4. Maryland (24.3%)	9. New York (19.2%)
5. N. Carolina (21.8%)	10. Florida (17.8%)

Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention

NAATEN Initiatives

Leadership: Collaborate with other organizations to train leaders in tobacco control, advocacy, policy change, and leadership.

Faith-based: Provide technical assistance on tobacco control policies within African American faith-based institutions and groups.

Clinical: Assist physicians, clinics, and hospitals to integrate tobacco cessation information into their clinical guidelines.

Faithbased Toolkit Training

Quitline Assessment Project

National African American Tobacco Education Network

3950 Industrial Blvd, Suite 600 West Sacramento, CA 95691 Phone (916) 556-3344 Fax (916) 446-0427