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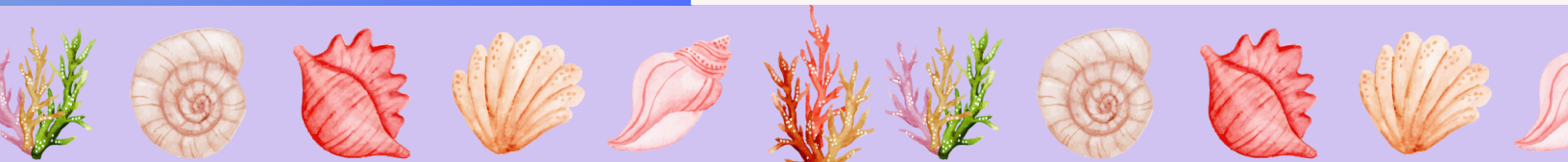
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World Cancer Support Month

World Cancer Support Month, observed annually in August, symbolizes solidarity and hope for those affected by cancer worldwide. This month highlights the immense strength, resilience, and compassion that unite individuals, families, and communities in confronting this challenging disease. Cancer arises from the uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells in the body, leading to tumors that can affect nearby tissues and spread to other parts of the body. With over 100 types of cancer, each requiring distinct treatment and understanding, it remains a complex adversary that necessitates dedicated research and comprehensive understanding.



World Cancer Support Month adopts a multifaceted approach, emphasizing the importance of medical treatment and the need for emotional and psychological support for those affected by cancer. The emotional toll on patients, families, and caregivers is significant, and fostering an open dialogue can help dismantle the stigma surrounding cancer, encouraging more people to seek help and resources. Throughout August, various initiatives, events, and campaigns educate people about cancer prevention, early detection, and available treatments, while communities rally to raise funds for research and patient care. This month underscores the significance of collective efforts in combating cancer, fostering empathy, understanding, and unity, and inspiring hope for a healthier future.

SURGE IN VAPING-RELATED EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS

AS TRADITIONAL TOBACCO VISITS DECLINE

RICHMOND, Va. (WRIC) — New data from the Virginia Hospital and Health Care Association reveals a significant increase in emergency room visits associated with vaping over the past four years, while visits related to traditional tobacco products have notably decreased.

Between 2020 and 2023, the number of ER visits for vaping-related issues surged from 23,630 to 49,356. In contrast, visits for complications from traditional tobacco products fell from 538,802 to 401,832 during the same period.



“Very few electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) products have been approved by the FDA. This means that many of these products have not undergone appropriate regulatory checks. Without the necessary oversight, it’s difficult to know what ingredients might be included in these products that could potentially contribute to the increase in emergency room visits with a vaping diagnosis.”

-TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM EPIDEMIOLOGIST/EVALUATOR KYLE GIRONE,
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



PROJECT STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT:



ERIN GROMAN

Erin Groman, the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Clean Air OC project, will be moving on to an exciting new opportunity starting August 10th. She is currently making preparations to ensure a smooth transition for the next Coordinator. Erin has loved getting to know everyone and extends her heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to work at the LGBTQ Center OC. She deeply appreciates everyone's hard work, dedication, and commitment to fostering a more inclusive and supportive community.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM



DIMOND GARCIA

Dimond was previously a Health and Wellness intern, who worked closely with Erin during her time as the Community Engagement Coordinator. Taking over as the new CEC, Dimond is excited to be back at The Center and continue the important work of her predecessors. As a public health professional, Dimond is delighted to work on an initiative that focuses on priority populations that hold her personal interest.

At least **8 out of 10 lung cancers** are caused by smoking cigarettes, according to the CDC.

No matter how long you've smoked, quitting can reduce your risk of lung cancer and the risk to those around you.



F QUIT HELP

Many people need support to quit smoking. Kick It California has helped 1 million+ people over the past 30 years.

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kickitca.org



KICK/IT
California

We'll help you build a personal quit plan that works for your life.

CALL



800-300-8086

CHAT



kickitca.org/chat

WEB



kickitca.org/quit-now



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

Requests For Proposals

This funding opportunity offers \$4,500 to three organizations or individuals dedicated to enhancing LGBTQ+ tobacco control-efforts in Orange County!



Exhibit Leadership



- Select applicants will receive \$4,500 to participate in the Clean Air OC's Community Engagement Agreement Program to engage LGBTQ+ community and allies in tobacco control activities.
- Applicants must exhibit leadership and verify experience working with LGBTQ+ communities and stakeholders.
- Applicants **MUST** live or work in Orange County



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Join the CAOC Coalition today to start
advocating for a cleaner tomorrow

Monthly
Virtual Meetings

REGISTER NOW!!



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Internship Opportunity



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We are looking for undergrad and grad students who are interested in gaining experience in public & environmental health, LGBTQ issues, tobacco control, and policy and systemic change.



**JOIN OUR
TEAM!**

- Paid internship!
- 8-10 week program
- You will be supporting our team with a variety of activities, such as: coalition building, data collection, community engagement & outreach!

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