

# Local Tobacco Control Ordinance Databases:

- An Essential  
Tool for  
Advocates and  
Researchers



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# *An Essential Tool....*

Centralize information

- Characterize policies by specific elements
- Compare policy from one locality to another
- Monitor trends

- Evaluate the association between policy, practice and ultimately, behavior
- Offer models for other communities

- Promote effective policies
- Change/improve less effective policies
- Advocate for policies in new localities

# State of the Field....

## Independent Databases

- Arizona
- Kansas
- Massachusetts
- New Jersey
- Oregon
- Texas
- West Virginia

Ongoing Mailed Solicitations,  
Monitoring Field

Centralized National  
Repository:  
American Nonsmokers'  
Rights Foundation

State Databases



# **NTOPS: National Tobacco Ordinance Partnership for Surveillance....**

## **Partners:**

- ANR Foundation
- UIC-ImpacTeen
- CDC-OSH
- NACCHO (National Association  
County and City Health Officials)
- NALBOH (National Association  
of Local Boards of Health)

**Goal:** *To improve the tracking and analysis of local tobacco control ordinances nationwide*

## ***NTOPS Objectives....***

- Document, analyze, and add local tc policies to ANR Foundation database, and feedback results
- Increase local public health officials' knowledge about local tc policy
- Educate and train local boards of health and local health departments on role of local policy
- Conduct additional dissemination activities
- Help develop vision for state linkages to ANR Foundation database
- Provide input on linkages to CDC STATE database
- Develop collaborative options for long-term sustainability of a nationwide local ordinance surveillance effort

## *Recent NTOPS activities....*

- Mailing solicitations to all NACCHO and NALBOH members
- Technical assistance and trainings to NACCHO and NALBOH members
- June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting: ANR Foundation, state public health officials, tobacco control advocates, researchers, funders

## *June 12<sup>th</sup> Recommendations....*

- Continue to support ANR Foundation national database
- Affirm the need for individual state databases, and continue to dialogue re: sharing information with ANR Foundation
- Consider some level of standardization
- Organize a discussion: submission of local ordinances to ANR Foundation
- Develop a marketing plan to promote the ANR Foundation database
- Consider additional fields to code in the existing ANR Foundation database
- Evaluate the priority of building a historical dataset
- Coordinate and pool resources across funders
- Create a group of funders and users to meet on a regular basis