



National African American
Tobacco Prevention Network

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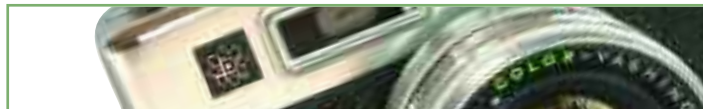
black history month

This issue of Insight is "all decked out" in honor of Black History Month. Inside, you'll find some great resources for taking action this month.



Technical Assistance and Training

NAATPN is equipped to present a variety of valuable and informative trainings. Take a look at our list of expertise and let us know how we can serve you.



Snapshots from Around the Country

Stay up-to-date on tobacco control news from coast to coast, including some exciting new clean indoor air legislation.



Purchased By Tobacco

The tobacco industry has attempted to enslave African Americans for centuries. Today the industry "buys" itself a good name by giving millions of dollars to great causes—but at what cost do we accept these gifts? Literally, the industry's kindness is killing us.



Not Our Heritage, Not Our Culture, Not Our Community

Join us in remembering just a few great African Americans who left us too soon because of tobacco. What has tobacco stolen from you? It's time to take our communities back.



Nurturing the Seeds of Change

Find out how you can be a part of the exciting things NAATPN will be doing this year! We're introducing a brand new membership structure and some great new benefits. Join or renew in the month of February, and you'll receive a complimentary **Voices from the Village** toolkit.



Voices from the Village

How can we be heard if we do not speak when others are listening? NAATPN's Voices from the Village toolkit provides everything you need to bring the voices of Harry Belafonte, S. Epatha Merkerson, Tony Dungy, and James Brown to your local radio station, encouraging a tobacco-free lifestyle.

What is NAATPN?

The National African American Tobacco Prevention Network is a non-profit organization launched in 1999. NAATPN's Technical Assistance and Training program speaks to the very heart of tradition and culture and strives to provide the organizational development, grassroots organizing, and tobacco advocacy expertise necessary to take on tobacco challenges for communities of color.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to serve as a national organization dedicated to facilitating the development and implementation of comprehensive and community competent tobacco control programs to benefit communities and people of African descent.

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bring the VOICES FROM THE VILLAGE to your community

NAATPN's Executive Council and Circle of Elders Thank You

This year marks the National African American Tobacco Prevention Network's five-year anniversary. The years have been filled with dreams, goals, successes, and some struggles, but we have emerged as a national organization with a strong voice in the tobacco control community. We are grateful to our Executive Council and Circle of Elders, the wise men and women who conceived the vision of NAATPN. We, and the Board and Elders, are also grateful to you—our members and friends who have partnered with us in the struggle against the harmful effects of tobacco abuse. Thank you for making this journey a success—and for being committed to success in the future.

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In 2005, NAATPN launched the "Voices from the Village" campaign, initiating a nationwide educational radio ad project to inform our communities about the dangers of tobacco use. As we celebrate Black History Month across the nation, we reflect on those precious lives that we have lost to tobacco. As part of our effort to reduce the impact of tobacco on our communities, NAATPN is working

to partner with radio stations around the country to broadcast the public service announcements during the popular morning, lunch, and dinnertime "drive times."

Currently, commitments have been made in major cities such as Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Atlanta. The Voices from the Village campaign is intended to remind communities of the need to remember and celebrate the past, thrive in the present, and stay healthy and live well for the future.

In addition to raising awareness about the dangerous health effects of smoking, this campaign will also build relationships between grassroots networks and their local media outlets. The public service announcements feature celebrities such as singer and activist Harry Belafonte, actress S. Epatha Merkerson, star of "Law and Order"; sports broadcaster James Brown of Fox NFL Sports; and Tony Dungy, head coach of the Indianapolis Colts football team. Other celebrities are being

approached for future ad campaigns.

While the campaign will begin in February, the ad campaign will extend beyond Black History Month into the rest of the year. We hope you will join the growing list of cities that are a part of the Voices from the Village campaign. If you are interested in partnering with NAATPN to have Voices from the Village ads broadcast in your community, please contact us at 1-888-4NAATPN or email thenetwork@naatpn.org. The Voices continue...

training

- Follow the Signs (NEW!)
- Team Building and Strategic Planning
- Implementation of Action Plans
- Program Development, Implementation, and Management
- Coalition Building and Expansion
- Sustainability Planning
- Media Research
- Polling and Focus Groups
- Message Development
- Media Advocacy
- Public Education and Awareness
- Community Organizing and Mobilization

Technical Assistance and Training

NAATPN offers a variety of technical assistant options to fit your needs, circumstances, and resources. From participating in informative workshops to hosting an intense full-day training session to kick start your coalition's initiative, we are here to help.

NAATPN can provide the resources, skill, and services necessary to achieve any aspect of your tobacco control plans or vision, whether you are starting a network or seeking to expand your partnerships within any community. Our staff and consultants are available to come to you and provide the onsite assistance that you may need. Please do not hesitate to call on us.

Training Reveals Big Tobacco Tactics

Our newest training, "Follow the Signs" reveals valuable inside information on Big Tobacco tactics. No matter what the cost, Big Tobacco companies obsess over their profits. Every day tobacco representatives

venture out into the retail market, aggressively fighting to ensure that their key brands are not only in distribution but visibly merchandised. They use manipulative tactics to gain the trust of retailers in order to belligerently fight with competitive tobacco companies as well as contaminate our communities with the plastering of signs and displays.

Each section of the "Follow the Signs" training includes innovative power point presentations and exercises. To take advantage of any of these valuable training programs or for additional information, please call us at 888-4NAATPN.



tobacco purchased by

industry sponsorships target african american culture

During the slave trade, the freedom of our ancestors was often sold for tobacco. Slave labor was not only used to pick cotton, rice, tobacco, and other crops, but also to clear forests and cultivate larger tobacco crops. If a slave refused to pick tobacco, he was whipped, maimed, branded, or even murdered. The higher the slave count, the greater the labor force, and the greater the income; hence, the more prestigious the master's social, economic, and political status.

For generations the goal of the tobacco industry has been to enslave and infest the African American soul. Negro soldiers died in the Civil War so their descendants wouldn't have to pick tobacco, but soldiers fighting in the World Wars were provided free cigarettes with their rations to ensure addiction. The African American race has fought for its freedom and made significant progress only to find itself in the same position as it started: purchased by tobacco.

The tobacco industry markets its products by underwriting events in the African American community and by sponsoring conventions of major civil rights organizations such as the Black Leadership Forum, the National Urban League, NAACP, Rainbow/ PUSH Coalition, Congressional Black Caucus, and the United Negro College Fund, to name a few. The similarity in the mission of each organization is its dedication to educate future leaders; eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination; and ensure political, educational, social, and economic justice. Many of these organizations promote African American health and positive change in our community, which is all good, yet they accept sponsorships from an industry whose only goal is to brand our communities with cigarette



logos in order to further lure African American into an addiction that has indeed murdered our race. As a race, do we recognize this pattern? Take a drive down the low-income streets of your city. No matter where you reside in the United States, you'll observe the tobacco industry's signature signage tightly secured to each

pole located on or near the property of an urban retail account (unless there is a city ordinance that prohibits such outdoor signage.)

But isn't it peculiar that in the past, the largest single tobacco company sponsorship of environmental programs was Keep America Beautiful (KAB), a national non-profit organization whose mission is to educate communities about the harmful effects of litter and the benefits of recycling? Apparently low-income African American neighborhoods are not a part of America, since the tobacco industry purposely pollutes them with excess placement and plastering of signs.

Tobacco advertising materials certainly aren't recycled. The directive of tobacco representatives that visit these

retail accounts is to replace outdoor signs, no matter their condition, each time they call on that account in order to preserve the clean, crisp look to both gain and maintain the attention of those subjected to them. It isn't uncommon for that same representative to vandalize a competitor's outdoor advertising, discarding the signs on the ground to "mark the territory." Isn't that, too, a form of littering? Then again, KAB was co-founded by a former Phillip Morris vice president, along with several other "like-minded" corporate executives. Not only that, but virtually all of its funding comes directly from the three largest U.S. tobacco companies; Phillip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, and Lorillard. The latter two specifically market to African American neighborhoods with their KOOL and Newport brands styles.

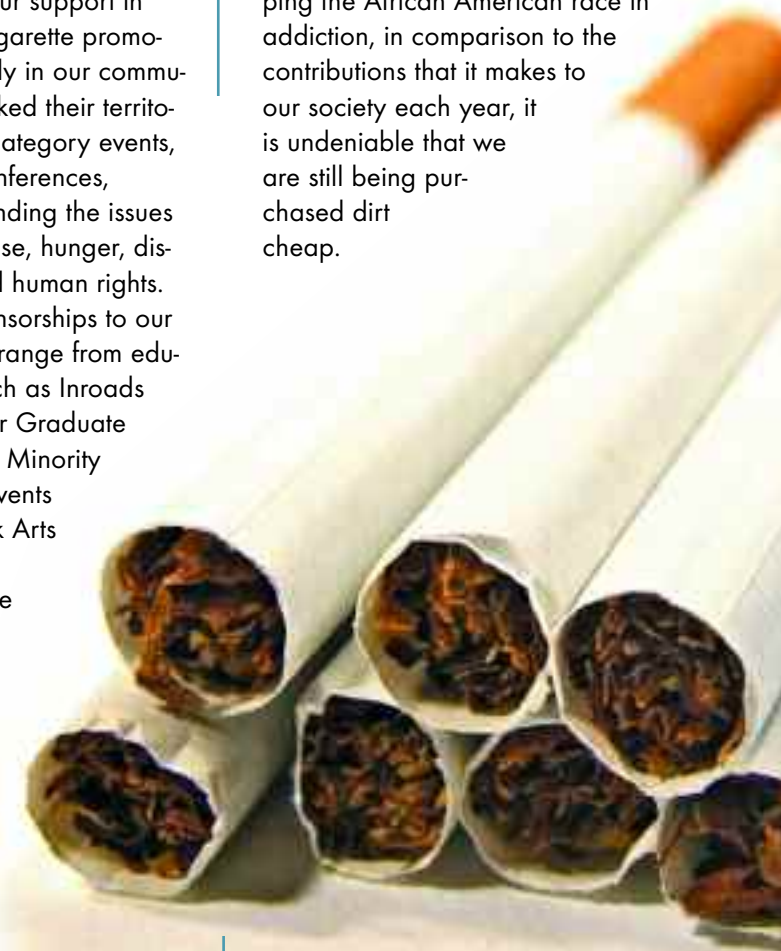
What does that say to you? It has been implied that KAB is merely a front group, just another organization on which tobacco companies spend billions of dollars to gain positive image while hiding their true identity from the public. Just as the members of the Ku Klux Klan hid their shameful faces with white sheets, in 2003 the leading contributing tobacco company, Phillip Morris, changed its name to The Altria Group to avoid its tarnished reputation when dealing with respectable organizations. However, it has been demonstrated that the higher their contribution to our society, the more power they have socially and politically; therefore, the more their true purpose for our society is masked. In addition to the tobacco companies donating money directly to themselves through their numerous front groups, they will continue

to solicit any African American organization that needs financial support in order to further gain our support in their blatantly racist cigarette promotions placed specifically in our communities. They have "marked their territory" on several of our category events, organizations, and conferences, including those surrounding the issues of AIDS, domestic abuse, hunger, disaster relief, sports, and human rights. There are endless sponsorships to our programs, which also range from educational programs, such as Inroads and the Consortium for Graduate Study in Management Minority Fellowship; to urban events like the National Black Arts Festival, Alvin Ailey's Dance Theater, and the Dance Theatre of Harlem.

One of the few things that couldn't be taken away from slaves was their musical culture. Recently R.J. Reynolds even attempted to redefine the African American musical jazz culture with KOOL's 2005 and upcoming 2006 New Jazz Philosophy Tour campaign, which consists of a series of hip-hop concerts. It has been proven that the tobacco industry will flash its wallet and openly distribute money—our blood money—in attempts to mold us into what it wants us to be: its biggest source of profit.


Through generations of toil and pain, slaves did not reap from the tobacco seeds that they sowed, and ultimately neither will the organizations that accept these sponsorships. When we

think about how much the tobacco industry profits each year from trapping the African American race in addiction, in comparison to the contributions that it makes to our society each year, it is undeniable that we are still being purchased dirt cheap.




The greater the African American addiction, the greater the prosperity of the tobacco industry. Don't we get it? Although they are literally killing us with their kindness, they are not helping us! Are they friend enough to bury us after the product they bought and sold us for infects us with cancer? No. We should more closely observe the "branding" that the tobacco industry has plastered in our communities; in particular, the KOOL brand logo of interlocking O's. Don't they strongly resemble chains?

“ they are literally killing us with their kindness. ”



Renaldo "Obie" Benson, 69, Singer; lung cancer (July 1, 2005) The lung cancer was discovered when he had a leg amputated several weeks before because of circulation problems. The Four Tops "Baby I Need Your Loving," "Reach Out (I'll be There)," "I Can't Help Myself," "Standing in the Shadows of Love." Wrote "What's Goin' On?"

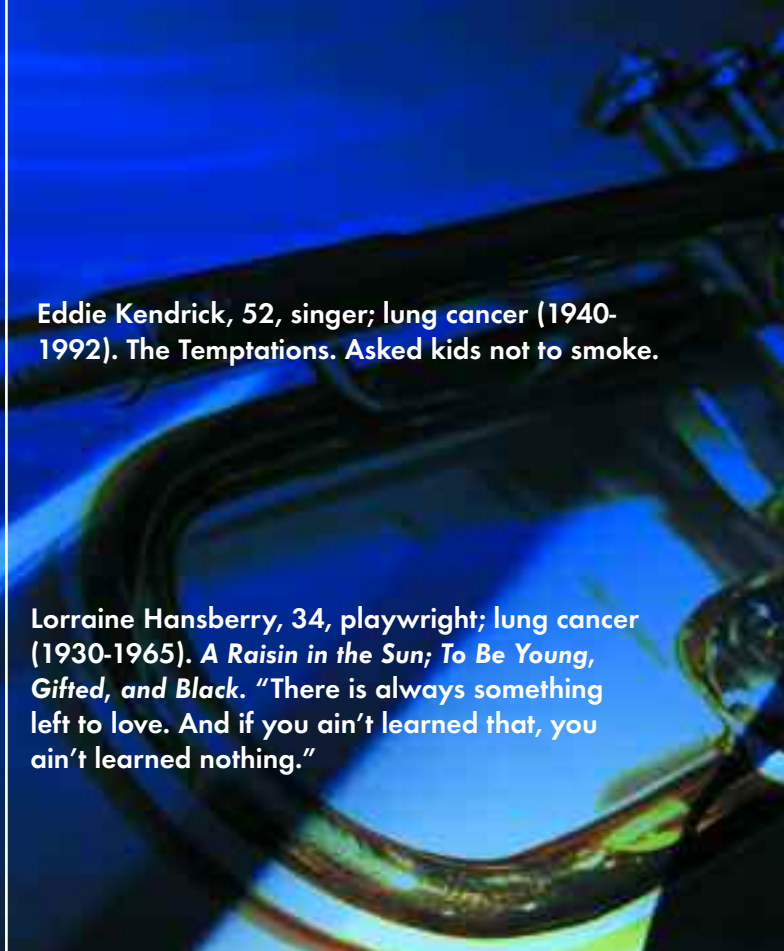
"Count" William Basie, 79, band leader; pancreatic cancer (1904-1984). Smoker; advertised Camels. "I'm saying: to be continued, until we meet again. Meanwhile, keep on listening, and tapping your feet."



Nat "King" Cole, 45, singer first African-American TV show host; died after surgery for lung cancer (1919-February 15, 1965) "The Christmas Song", "Unforgettable."

Louis Armstrong, 74, musician; heart attack (1901-July 6, 1971) . Armstrong, a smoker, advertised Camels. "The memory of things gone is important to a jazz musician. Things like old folks singing in the moonlight in the back yard on a hot night or something said long ago."


Zora Neal Hurston, author (1891-1960). *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. "Grab the broom of anger and drive off the beast of fear."



Eddie Kendrick, 52, singer; lung cancer (1940-1992). The Temptations. Asked kids not to smoke.

Lorraine Hansberry, 34, playwright; lung cancer (1930-1965). *A Raisin in the Sun*; *To Be Young, Gifted, and Black*. "There is always something left to love. And if you ain't learned that, you ain't learned nothing."

NOT OUR HERITAGE, NOT OUR CULTURE, NOT OUR COMMUNITY



Sammy Davis, Jr., 64, entertainer; throat cancer (1925-May 16, 1990). "Real success is not on the stage, but off the stage as a human being, and how you get along with your fellow man."

Etta Jones, 72, (1928-Oct. 16, 2001); singer; lung cancer; "Don't Go To Strangers."

Lou Rawls, 72, singer; lung cancer (1935-2006). "Music is the greatest communication in the world. Even if people don't understand the language that you're singing in, they still know good music when they hear it."

What has tobacco stolen from you?

How many great novels were never written...
How many songs could have moved or entertained you—songs that were never written because of the tragedy of tobacco abuse...
How many noble thoughts have been snuffed out by cigarettes...
What changes could have been brought about by activists who died too soon because of lung cancer...

Imagine how many more hugs you could have received from your grandfather...grandmother...mother...father...sister...brother...

Tobacco abuse touches all of us. NAATPN continues to struggle for better health, better life, and equal care in our communities. Join us in the fight!

Jesse Owens, 66, track star; lung cancer (1913-1980). 1936 Gold Medal winner at the Berlin Olympics; first cigarette pitchman to target blacks (Lucky Strike).

Langston Hughes, poet, (1902-1967); cancer-related heart failure. "Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."

James Baldwin, 63, author; esophageal cancer (1924-November 30, 1987). *Notes of a Native Son*. "It is certain, in any case, that ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have."

Mary Wells, 49, singer; larynx cancer (1943-1992). "I'm here today to urge you to keep the faith. I can't cheer you on with all my voice, but I can encourage, and I pray to motivate you with all my heart and soul and whispers."

Duke Ellington, 75 composer/band leader; lung cancer/pneumonia (1899-May 24, 1974). "Sophisticated Lady," "It Don't Mean a Thing if It Ain't Got that Swing." "I merely took the energy it takes to pout and wrote some blues."

snapshots

from around the country

D.C. Council Passes Smokefree Bill

On January 4, 2006, the D.C. Council passed a comprehensive smokefree workplaces bill by an 11-1 vote. The ban would immediately end all smoking in restaurants in Washinton, D.C., and by January 2007 would include bars, nightclubs, taverns, and the bar areas of restaurants.

Arkansas Governor Gets Behind Clean Indoor Air

In December, Governor Huckabee of Arkansas stated that he supports a statewide ban on smoking in workplaces. According to Huckabee, workplace smoking presents a health risk that should be eliminated.

While several cities throughout the state continue to work on local ordinances, the governor may propose the ban during a possible special session early this year.

Health Advocates Try To "Buck The System" in Mississippi

Health advocates throughout Mississippi have been aggressively pushing for a \$1 cigarette tax increase as part of the "Buck the System" campaign led by the Communities for a Clean Bill of Health (CCBH).

The advocates were pleased when the Mississippi Senate passed a 75-cent per pack increase. The measure also passed the House Ways and Means Committee and is awaiting debate on the full House floor.

Currently, the state's tax of 18 cents per pack is the one of the lowest in the nation.

Bacchus & Gamma prepares for 5th National Tobacco Symposium on Young Adults

Young adults from around the country will come together for the 5th

National Tobacco Symposium on Young Adults in Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 30 and 31, 2006.

The symposium, hosted by the Bacchus & Gamma Peer Education Network, is an invitation to a broad spectrum of student affairs professionals, researchers, health educators, students, and community members to join together to learn more about one of the greatest health problems facing young adults today. Although many have seen and read about the impact tobacco has on society, surprisingly, there is only limited current information about the use of tobacco by 18- to 24-year-olds or about effective prevention and cessation strategies to reach this population. While many campuses and communities are interested in increasing their efforts in tobacco control, few opportunities exist for a forum that specifically targets this age group. See you in North Carolina!

Legislators Pass Smoking Ban in New Jersey

In January, New Jersey lawmakers approved clean indoor air legislation to prohibit smoking in indoor public

places, including nearly all of the state's bars and restaurants. Excluded from the legislation are the twelve casinos of Atlantic City. New Jersey becomes the eleventh state with such far-reaching measures. Others include neighboring states New York and Connecticut. Four other states restrict smoking in either workplaces or restaurants but do not ban it in all indoor public places.

"This is the day New Jersey takes on and defeats Joe Camel," said Assemblyman Bill Baroni, a Republican from Mercer County. In addition to restricting where cigarettes can be smoked, the Assembly approved a second measure to raise the minimum age to buy them to 19 from 18.

Some supporters acknowledged that they were unhappy about the casino exemption. Senator Shirley K. Turner, a Democrat from Mercer County, said she would sponsor legislation in the next session to overturn the casino exemption.

BATCC To Announce Research Findings

On May 31, 2006, Boston Area Tobacco Control Coalition (BATCC) will hold a press conference to announce the findings of its Store Alert Project, a research survey of local tobacco advertising in the Boston area. The press conference will take place at 4 p.m. at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's regional office in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Under the coordination of BATCC Director James White, 20 youth leaders from Codman Square/Four Corners Alliance, Dorchester Community Services Collaborative, Allston-Brighton and Roslindale Healthy Boston Coalitions surveyed more than 200 tobacco retail stores in Boston and Cambridge.

The stores that were targeted in the survey were convenience stores, supermarkets, gas stations, and pharmacies. One of the main goals of BATCC is getting those same merchants to take down their tobacco advertisements because of the influential and detrimental effect that the ads have on children and teenagers in our communities.

"The tobacco industry is spending about \$1 million an hour to turn our stores into their marketing tools," said White. "The Store Alert survey provides us with data about what's going on in our neighborhood stores. This information will be shared with policy-makers, civic leaders, and the media—and [it will] force stores to be accountable to the communities that support them!"

Chicago Goes Smoke-free!

In December, the Chicago City Council agreed to ban smoking in all bars and restaurants over the next two and half years. This historic vote will mark the end of an era of smoke-filled bars and restaurants in Chicago. Congratulations to the Smoke-Free



Chicago supporters and coalition members.

Louisiana cities pass local ordinances

In just over a month's time, Gibsland, Lake Charles, and now Terrebonne Parish have passed local smoke-free ordinances. The Terrebonne campaign proved to be the most challenging to date, representing the first to cover a large-scale rural area, protecting 104,503 residents.

Many thanks and congratulations are due to local and statewide Tobacco and Cancer Coalitions, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Office of Public Health, and all volunteers and supporters of the smoke-free movement in Louisiana.

Don't Miss Our Special Report on Smokefree Cities!

NAATPN will soon be releasing a special report on clean indoor air in honor of Black History Month and the exciting recent successes in this arena. This report will highlight smokefree cities, especially those with black mayors, and will examine the role that the African American community played in

bringing the ordinances about. This special report will be sent to all of our regular newsletter subscribers. If you would like to add your name to our list or request extra copies, please contact us at 888-4NAATPN or thenetwork@naatpn.org.

nurturing the seeds of change

2006 NAATPN MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

There is strength in numbers. That is true for any organization. The strength of a community is immeasurable when its members pool their time, talent, and treasures to reclaim and build its villages. NAATPN recognizes that more members mean more services and a stronger voice in communities of color.

In January, NAATPN kicked off its 2006 Membership Campaign - "Nurturing the Seeds of Change." The symbol for this campaign is the mighty oak tree. The roots of the oak run deep and are strong, providing nourishment for the entire tree, just as our rich heritage and traditions act as our foundation and nurture us. The trunk of the tree represents the national organization; the main branches represent the circle of elders and executive council; and the

small limbs represent the staff. The twigs that sprout from these limbs are the partners of the network, and the leaves are the individual members. Each part draws life from others, and together they are a community. The essence of this membership drive is to reclaim our communities. We are working to reclaim our youth, our culture, and our neighborhoods by taking back what the tobacco industry has claimed as its own.

Being a member of NAATPN provides you with a steadfast voice to address the concerns of your community—a voice that was often overlooked by the mainstream tobacco control movement. As a member you will have access to even more benefits and resources than ever before: newsletters and special reports with the latest

from the field, priority access to NAATPN staff for technical assistance, discounts on NAATPN marketing materials that are uniquely tailored to communities of color, a proxy (voting and nominating rights), and much, much more.

Empowered by the voices of its members, NAATPN has emerged as a leader in its field by providing services that speak to the hearts and souls of our communities. We continue to address the lasting impact of tobacco industry tactics in African American communities. Like you, we recognize that people of color are disproportionately targeted by tobacco companies and suffer greater health consequences from their products. In our work with each of you, we will continue to address these issues through technical assistance and training,

toolkits, and other materials.

We encourage you to become a member of the "Network" as we continue "Nurturing the Seeds of Change." NAATPN is open to individuals as well as organizations of all sizes, so you may choose the membership level that is appropriate for you. If you are currently a member, we encourage you to spread the word about the network and its successes. For those who join us during the month of February, a complimentary "Voices from the Village" toolkit will be included in your membership welcome packet as our way of saying, "Welcome to the family."

For more information about NAATPN membership, contact us at 1-888-4NAATPN or email: thenetwork@naatpn.org

The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago.
The second best time is now.

- AFRICAN PROVERB



NAATPN MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

What is GEHN?

Formed in 2004, The Georgia Ethnic Health Network (GEHN) is a unique collaboration consisting of eight diverse organizations, which include the National Council on La Raza (NCLR), The National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer (NBLIC), The Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS), The American Heart Association, The American Lung Association, The DeKalb County PATCH Coalition, Grady Health System, and the Georgia Alliance for Tobacco Prevention. GEHN is committed to its mission of developing leadership within diverse communities to build partnerships for sustainability, inclusivity, and community change.

Each partnering organization works within its target community to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate education about tobacco use, prevention options, policy, community organizing, the dangers of second-hand smoke, and ways to

make its community healthier. Additionally, GEHN provides cultural competency training for public health and medical officials. This organization has a distinctive capacity through its network to tailor messages to the African American, Latino, and Asian Pacific Islander community. GEHN has trained communities of color on advocacy, secondhand smoke, and community organizing. GEHN worked in the past year to organize communities of color to attend press conferences, rallies, and implement letter writing campaigns in support of the Georgia Smoke Free Air Act of 2005. "The participation by communities of color at the capitol had a direct impact," said Starla Hairston, the network's director. In July, after two years of trying, Georgia became the first major tobacco growing state to pass comprehensive tobacco legislation. "This victory



was a group win," said Natalie Hernandez, chair of the Network. "However, we truly believe the efforts of the GEHN partners had an impact on the political process."

NAATPN has been a vital part of GEHN success. From its inception, NAATPN provided hands-on assistance with the development of the organization, its mission, and its approach to working with the community. GEHN continues to rely on NAATPN for the latest information on national movements and trends, especially in relationship to local smoke-free air laws and tobacco marketing to youth and communities of color.

NAATPN Membership Structure

Group Memberships

Ujima- Bronze Membership (\$250) All individual benefits; ability to register 5 individuals for newsletters and individual discounts; featured in our website and annual report as an Ujima bronze-level member

Kuumba-Silver Membership (\$500)

All individual benefits; ability to register 10 individuals for newsletters and individual discounts; featured in our website and annual report as a Kuumba silver-level member; Receive periodic executive briefings and a quarter-page ad in one issue of Insight

Ujamaa-Gold Membership (\$1000)

All individual benefits; ability to register 15 individuals for newsletters and individual discounts; featured in our website and annual report as an Ujamaa gold-level member; receive periodic executive briefings and a half-page ad in one issue of Insight.

Individual Memberships

Nia- one year membership (\$25) Tax-deductible contribution to tobacco control; subscription to Insight newsletter and special reports; priority access to staff for assistance, trainings; opportunities for getting involved in regional and national events; invitations to tobacco prevention events in your area 10% discount on registration fees for NAATPN-sponsored events and NAATPN products; opportunity to submit events to our calendar; proxy (voting and nominating rights)

Imani- sustaining five-year membership (\$500)

All of the individual membership benefits; periodic Executive Briefings; listed in NAATPN Annual Report and website as a sustaining member.

If you apply for or renew your membership in the month of February (even if it has not yet expired), we will also send you a complimentary **Voices from the Village** public service announcement toolkit. Simply complete and detach the form on this page, then mail with your tax-deductible donation to NAATPN to become a part of the NAATPN family.

NAATPN membership application

Name: _____
 Title _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 ZIP _____ Email _____
 Ph. _____ Work Ph. _____

- UJAMAA (Gold Group Membership)\$1000
- KUUMBA (Silver Group Membership)\$500
- UJIMA (Bronze Group Membership)\$250
- IMANI (Individual Sustaining Membership)\$500
- NIA (Basic Individual Membership)\$25

I would also like to support NAATPN with a monthly contribution of:
 \$10 \$25 \$50 Other: \$ _____
 I'm making an additional one-time donation of \$ _____
 This is a gift membership from: _____
 Total amount enclosed: \$ _____
 (Please make checks payable to NAATPN)

NAATPN is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible.

calendar of events

february

The Health, Beauty & Self-Esteem Conference/Expo
 February 4, 2006
 Martin Luther King High School
 3200 E. Lafayette, Detroit, Michigan
 More info: Sharon DuMas-Pugh, (313) 331-4929
 fullnfabulous@hotmail.com

Northwest Public Health Leadership Institute
 February 15, 2006
 Northwest Center for Public Health Practice,
 School of Public Health and Community Medicine
 University of Washington, Seattle, WA. More info:
 Nedra Floyd Pautler, (206) 685-1130;
 nwphli@u.washington.edu; <http://healthlinks.washington.edu/nwcpnp/nwphli/apply.html>

The 2006 National Conference on African Americans and AIDS
 February 27-28, 2006
 The Philadelphia Wyndham Hotel at Franklin
 Plaza, Philadelphia, PA. More info: Marilyn
 Edmunds, PhD, (410) 740-7078,
 medumunds@aol.com; www.minority-healthcare.com

CDC Partners Meeting
 March 28-29
 Roybal Campus, Building 19, Atlanta, GA
 More info: Carmen Walker-Momon, (770) 488-8054, CWalker-Momon@cdc.gov

march

International Conference on Women and Infectious Diseases (ICWID)
 March 16-18
 Marriot Marquis Hotel, Atlanta, GA
 More info: Marian McDonald, (404) 371-5312
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NICHQ's 5th Annual Forum for Improving Children's Health Care
 March 16-18
 Royal Pacific Resort, Orlando, FL. More info:
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www.nichq.org

International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases 2006
 March 19-22
 Marriot Marquis, Atlanta, GA. More info: Tony
 Johnson, (404) 498-3249, tjohnson3@cdc.gov

Health Leadership Program at Duke
 March 20-24
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Fifth National Tobacco Symposium on Young Adults
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 Raleigh, NC. <http://www.bacchusgamma.org>

The 13th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health
 July 12-15, 2006, Washington, DC
<http://www.2006conferences.org/t-index.php>

The International Union Against Cancer Conference (UICC)
 July 8-12, 2006, Washington, DC
<http://www.2006conferences.org>

The 2006 NACCHO Annual Conference
 "The Local Health Department Story: Know it. Live it. Share it."
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