



SMOKE-FREE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE & COVID WORKGROUP

"Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, healthy home free from harmful second-hand cigarette smoke; HUD's smoke-free rule is a reflection of our commitment to using housing as a platform to create healthy communities."
Julian Castro - former Secretary of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

In July of 2018, Housing and Urban Development, or HUD, enacted a smoke-free policy aimed at protecting public housing residents nationwide from secondhand smoke. The policy would impact 18,000 Wisconsin households, the majority here in Milwaukee. The WAATPN has partnered with the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM), Milwaukee Health Department, American Lung Association and most importantly residents, to support the implementation of the HUD Smoke-Free Housing Rule and increase access to on-site cessation programming, tobacco prevention education, and more recently, resources to help residents stay safe from COVID.

There are 10,600 public housing households and 19 properties. This subcommittee is charged with providing resources and services to all 19 properties. The SFH Subcommittee has also helped lead efforts to create one-of-a-kind published study assessing the impact of the smoke-free policy and resident needs, launched an educational campaign related to COVID and Smoking, helped secure funding for the development of a culturally-relevant cessation program for public housing residents, among other accomplishments. This subcommittee is tasked with supporting these ongoing efforts and others aimed at improving health outcomes and quality of life for public housing residents in Milwaukee. This subcommittee will also collaborate with the Medical College of Wisconsin to develop and pilot test a tobacco cessation curriculum for public housing residents.

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