

ANSR and Tobacco Control Timeline

***Blue text denotes policies passed directly and policies ANSR helped pass through technical assistance**

1964: Surgeon General Luther Terry issues the first Surgeon General's Report on Smoking

1966: First cigarette warning displayed on packs: "Caution: Cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health."

1971: Cigarette advertising is banned from radio and TV airways

1973: ANSR founded

1975: Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Law is first in the nation

1986: Secondhand smoke warning issued. US Surgeon General says secondhand smoke can cause lung cancer

1987: Smoking prohibited in professional sports facilities

1987: Metrodome is first professional sports stadium to ban tobacco advertising

1989: White Bear Lake is first Minnesota city to ban cigarette vending machines

1997: Minnesota requires all cigarettes sold to be 'fire safe'

1997: State youth access law is passed, prohibiting the free distribution of tobacco

1998: State of Minnesota and BCBS settle with the tobacco companies after four-year legal battle

2000–2007: Smoke-free air ordinances and laws at the city, county, and state level pass

2007: Cigarette vending machines legislation passes

2007: Minnesota Freedom to Breathe Act passes, prohibiting smoking in bars, restaurants, and work places

2010: St. Paul prohibits the sale of imitation tobacco products and toy-like cigarette lighters

2010: Minnesota modernizes its definitions of tobacco products to include new nicotine delivery devices, such as electronic cigarettes

2013: ANSR assists in helping raise the state's tobacco tax

2013: Minnesota increases its tobacco tax, becoming fifth highest in the nation

2014: Minnesota makes all licensed foster homes smoke-free

2014: Minnesota passes 24/7 smoke-free foster care law

2015: Minneapolis is the first city to restrict the sale of flavored tobacco (excluding menthol) to tobacco-only stores

2017: Edina becomes the first Minnesota city to raise tobacco sales age to 21

2018: Duluth and Falcon Heights raise tobacco sales age to 21

2018: More than 150 city and county parks across Minnesota are now tobacco-free

2018: Public housing agencies in Minnesota and across the country implement the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's smoke-free public housing rule

2019: ANSR assists 19 Minnesota communities in adopting a Tobacco 21 policy

2019: U.S. Congress raises tobacco sales age to 21

2017–2019: ANSR assists 12 of the 13 Minnesota communities that have passed ordinance restricting flavored tobacco

2017–2019: ANSR assists 35 of the 53 Minnesota communities that adopted Tobacco 21 policy