

BENEFITS OF TOBACCO FREE HEALTHCARE CAMPUSES IN KERN COUNTY



Why have a tobacco free campus?

A tobacco free environment is a great way for healthcare facilities to create a safer and healthier environment for their staff and patients while also supporting behaviors that lead to health.

BENEFITS INCLUDE



Fewer employee absences due to smoking related illnesses



Reduce smoking-related healthcare costs to the organization



Less tobacco litter and cleaning costs



Reduce secondhand smoke exposure for everyone



Decreased risk of accidental fires

Some successful tobacco free healthcare campuses in Kern County

Shafters Pediatrics

California Medical Clinic

Pearls of Hope Medical Clinic

Vanguard Medical Clinics

A tobacco free policy for these healthcare campuses includes e-cigarettes and all other tobacco products. They have seen a reduction of tobacco litter on their property since adopting a tobacco free policy. In a pre-policy observation survey Vanguard Medical Clinic had 16 cigarette butts on their property. After the tobacco free policy implementation, no litter was found on their property.

Ready to go tobacco free?

Contact us to learn more about how your healthcare facility can implement a tobacco free policy.



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