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# Louisiana Correctional Initiative

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# Background



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- Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections;  
Louisiana Dept. of Health & Hospitals,  
Tobacco Control Program
  - Smoke-free indoor air policy for state and local prisons passed in August 2009
  - Next goal: comprehensive smoke-free policy for state and local prisons

# Overview



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- Partnership with Break Free Alliance to do the following:
  1. Develop a four-year implementation plan for a comprehensive smoke-free policy for state and local prisons
  2. Disseminate Louisiana's experience with the current policy
  3. Gather feedback among staff on current smoke-free policy

# Implementation



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- Value added:
  - Assisted in the development of a four-year implementation plan created with input from all partners involved
  - Invited Medical/Mental Health Director at LA Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections, Dr. Raman Singh, to present at *Promising Practices 2010*

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- Value added:
  - Conducted key informant interviews with staff
    - All were using “Fresh Start” (a four-week tobacco cessation program by the American Cancer Society)
    - Staff liked the indoor smoke-free policy
    - Some wards were already smoke-free due to security issues
    - All were in favor of adopting a comprehensive smoke-free policy

# Next Steps



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- Report on policy implementation challenges and areas to address further
- Assist in developing an electronic registry of incarcerated tobacco users
- Identify staff “champions” to become members of a tobacco free policy implementation team for department
- Advocate for additional quitline funding from the state to possibly set up quitline access in correctional facilities