



January 2020 Cancer Coalition Newsletter

Member Spotlight



American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society (ACS) has been actively involved in the SD Cancer Coalition for 15 years. They currently have representation on all three task forces and two of the three cross cutting committees. ACS is contributing toward the SD Comprehensive Cancer Control State Plan in several ways, including working on 12 priorities. This month, ACS is raising awareness that cervical cancer is a highly preventable and treatable cancer. Regular screening with a Pap and HPV test and HPV vaccination will prevent most

cervical cancers. To prevent HPV, the ACS recommends HPV vaccination for girls and boys between the ages of 11 and 12. Girls and boys who do not get the vaccine at the recommended age should still get the HPV vaccination until age 26. For more information about ACS's HPV vaccination efforts, visit cancer.org/hpv.

ACS shared the following benefits to SD Cancer Coalition membership: enhanced ability to address an important issue, awareness of funding opportunities that are relevant to their organization, acquisition of useful knowledge about services, programs, or people in the community, enhanced ability to meet the needs of their constituency, and the ability to have a greater impact than their organization could have on its own.

Thank you, American Cancer Society, for your continued commitment to the SD Cancer Coalition!

If you would like your organization to be recognized in a future Member Spotlight, fill out [this survey](#). Organizations will also be recognized on the [GetScreenedSD Facebook Page](#).

Register Today: Cervical Cancer Webinar being held on January 23, 2020

In honor of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month in January, the SD Cancer Coalition will be partnering with the All Women Count! Program to bring in Dr. Maria Bell, Gynecologic Oncologist at Sanford Health, to present on a webinar on Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 at 12:00pm CT. The target audience is healthcare professionals working in a clinical setting. Registration is required: cancersd.com/cervical-cancer-webinar/

The All Women Count! Program, in collaboration with the SD Cancer Coalition, is hosting a Cervical Cancer Webinar featuring Dr. Maria Bell Gynecologic Oncologist at Sanford Health

**Thursday, January 23, 2020
12:00 — 1:00 PM CST**

Target Audience:
Healthcare Professionals in a Clinical Setting

Registration is required.
Visit cancersd.com/cervical-cancer-webinar/ to register today!

Input Needed: SD Cancer Plan Revision

The SD Cancer Coalition and Comprehensive Cancer Control Program are seeking input from stakeholders on the [SD Cancer Plan](#) revision. The SD Cancer Plan was originally published in 2005 and is revised every five years. The plan addresses the goals, priorities, and strategies for reducing the burden of cancer in our state. The current plan outlines efforts through 2020, so now is the time to tackle the important task of updating this statewide plan. To do this, we need your help! We are inviting individuals and organizations to complete a brief feedback survey, using the link below. Your input will help ensure the updated plan continues to be a comprehensive roadmap for reducing the burden of cancer in SD. Your response is requested by Wednesday, February 19th.

[Partner Survey Link](#)

Task Forces Updates

Increase HPV Vaccination Rates (Priority 6): Chaired by Sarah Quail

The HPV Vaccination Task Force has identified three strategies to work on in 2019-2020. The first strategy focuses on disseminating resources to healthcare providers to encourage increased HPV vaccination rates. The second looks at partnering with health plans to send client reminders to eligible members. The third strategy is partnering with Oral Health Professionals to share information regarding HPV vaccination and oropharyngeal cancer.

Early Detection Health Equity (Priorities 7, 9, 10): Chaired by Jill Ireland

The Early Detection Health Equity Task Force has identified several key strategies to work on in 2019-2020, including the following: 1) Partner with large employers to improve CRC screening, 2) Recognize CRC screening success with CRC 2020 Achievement Awards, 3) Disseminate provider rack card for lung cancer screening, 4) Host provider education webinars on lung and CRC screening, 5) Partner with Delta Dental mobile to promote the All Women Count! Program, and 6) Identify funding opportunities to increase access to mammography.

Improve Palliative Care Services and Awareness for Cancer Patients (Priority 14): Chaired by Sarah Mollman

With the recognition that there are multiple groups throughout the state working on palliative care or related initiatives, the members decided to develop a member assessment. The member assessment is being finalized and will be distributed to the Network members, over 60 members, shortly. The goal is to learn of work being done in palliative care, pool resources, not duplicate efforts, and identify gaps or needs that can be undertaken in the remainder of the year.

It's not too late to join a task force and get involved in these efforts. Email the task force chair if you are interested in learning more!

Cancer Program Listserv

If you're interested in staying up to date on updates from the SD Department of Health's Cancer Programs, please take a moment to [join the SD Cancer Programs Listserv](#). Click on "Subscribe or Unsubscribe" on the right hand side. Fill in your name and email address, then click Subscribe. You will receive a confirmation email with additional steps to confirm your identity.

2020 Colorectal Cancer Achievement Awards

The SD Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and SD Colorectal Cancer Control Program are still collecting nominations for the 2020 Colorectal Cancer Achievement Awards. There are three categories: Champion of the Year, Organization of the Year, and Innovator of the Year. Descriptions of all categories, along with space to nominate an individual or organization, can be found at the link below. You do not need to submit a nomination in each category. The deadline for submission is Friday, January 17.

[2020 CRC Achievement Awards](#)

New Simulation Tool Gives Cancer Survivors an Outlet for Health Conversations

Thanks to medical advances in detection and treatment, there are nearly 17 million cancer survivors in the U.S., and that number continues to grow. However, the transition from cancer treatment to post-treatment care can often be jarring, as many struggle to shift their focus from treatment to living well.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD), and Kognito, a conversation simulation company, have launched a new virtual conversation simulation tool to help cancer survivors transition to or maintain a healthy post-cancer lifestyle.

[Talk to Someone](#) includes four distinct modules focusing on the most common and impactful health and well-being concerns of cancer survivors, including alcohol use, tobacco use, nutrition and fitness, and anxiety and depression. In each conversation simulation, survivors can ask Linda, the platform's virtual cancer survivor, a variety of questions. Linda gives brief, informative, and emotionally supportive answers to help shape behavior change, while also citing her own experiences as a survivor.

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. The most important thing you can do to help prevent cervical cancer is to have regular screening tests. Two screening tests are available: the Pap test, which looks for precancers or cell changes on the cervix that might become cervical cancer if they are not treated appropriately; and the HPV test, which looks for the virus that can cause these cell changes. You should start getting Pap tests at age 21. If your Pap test result is normal, your doctor may say you can wait three years until your next test. If you are 30 to 65 years old, you should talk to your doctor about which testing option is right for you: a Pap test only, an HPV test only, or an HPV test along with the Pap test (co-testing). Depending on which test is chosen, you may not need to be screened again for five years. Cervical cancer is usually a slow-growing cancer; therefore, your chance of getting cervical cancer in the few years following a normal Pap/HPV test is very low.

In SD, a program is available to cover the cost of the office visit and Pap/HPV test for low income women. The All Women Count! Program pays for cervical and breast cancer screenings for women between the ages of 30-64 who met income guidelines. Learn more about the All Women Count! Program by calling 1-800-738-2301 or visiting <http://getscreened.sd.gov/count/>.

If your organization is doing any activities in honor of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, be sure to share those activities with us [here](#).

CoC Releases Updated Standards

The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC) recently released its 2020 accreditation standards, [Optimal Resources for Cancer Care](#). The new standards are set for implementation beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing through 2021 for Phase-In standards. Among the new additions are standards specific to breast, colorectal, skin and lung cancer care, as well as new guidance on survivorship programs.

No Emerging Safety Concerns with 9-Valent HPV Vaccine

After three years of adverse-event surveillance and more than 28 million doses, the nine-valent human papillomavirus (9vHPV) vaccine shows no new or unexpected safety concerns, according to results from two studies.

"When considering vaccination in terms of the benefits and risks, HPV vaccines have been shown to be very effective at preventing cancer-causing infections," Dr. James G. Donahue of the Marshfield Clinic Research Institute said. "At the same time, there is a long track record that

demonstrates their safety. This study, along with other recent studies, substantially adds to the safety profile of the HPV vaccines."

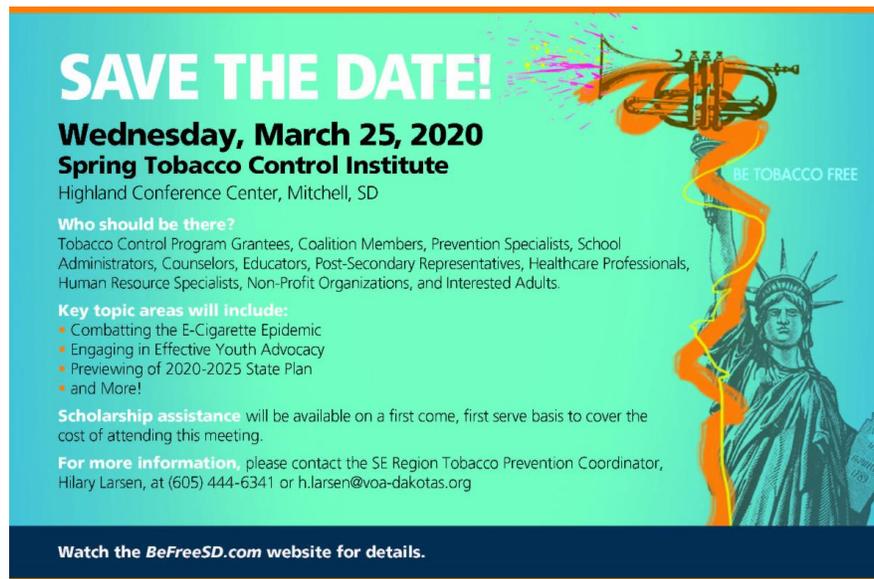
[Read more](#)

New Data Brief on Lung Cancer Rates in American Indian and Alaska Native People

A new U.S. Cancer Statistics data brief looks at the burden of lung cancer among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations. Lung Cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among AI/AN men and women, the same as it is for the overall population in the United States. When it comes to lung cancer incidence rates (new cases) and the age at diagnosis, there are notable differences for AI/AN people. Lung cancer incidence rates were higher among AI/AN people in the Northern Plains, Alaska, Southern Plains and the Pacific Coast regions compared to non-hispanic white.

For AI/AN men and women, lung cancer tends to be diagnosed at a younger age with 23% of lung cancer cases diagnosed before age 60 compared to 16% among the non-Hispanic white population.

[Read more](#)

A promotional poster for the Spring Tobacco Control Institute. The background is a light blue gradient. On the right side, there is a stylized illustration of the Statue of Liberty. Instead of a torch, she holds a large, ornate trumpet. A thick, wavy orange ribbon flows from the trumpet, spiraling down to the base of the statue. The text is in white and black. At the top left, it says "SAVE THE DATE!" in large, bold letters. Below that, it says "Wednesday, March 25, 2020" and "Spring Tobacco Control Institute". The location is "Highland Conference Center, Mitchell, SD". There are sections for "Who should be there?", "Key topic areas will include:" with a bulleted list, "Scholarship assistance", and "For more information". At the bottom, it says "Watch the BeFreeSD.com website for details." The text "BE TOBACCO FREE" is written in small letters near the top of the orange ribbon.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
Spring Tobacco Control Institute
Highland Conference Center, Mitchell, SD

Who should be there?
Tobacco Control Program Grantees, Coalition Members, Prevention Specialists, School Administrators, Counselors, Educators, Post-Secondary Representatives, Healthcare Professionals, Human Resource Specialists, Non-Profit Organizations, and Interested Adults.

Key topic areas will include:

- Combatting the E-Cigarette Epidemic
- Engaging in Effective Youth Advocacy
- Previewing of 2020-2025 State Plan
- and More!

Scholarship assistance will be available on a first come, first serve basis to cover the cost of attending this meeting.

For more information, please contact the SE Region Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, Hilary Larsen, at (605) 444-6341 or h.larsen@voa-dakotas.org

Watch the BeFreeSD.com website for details.

Visit the Cancer Coalition website regularly to stay informed on funding opportunities, upcoming events, professional development webinars, and other relevant cancer control information. If you have an event coming up, be sure to share it [here](#) for inclusion on the website. In addition, email Sarah Quail with other relevant news and funding opportunities that are appropriate to share on the website.

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