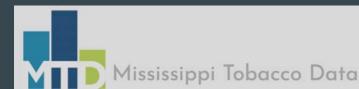
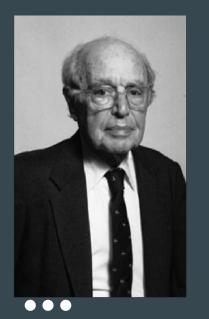
# Healthy Childbearing and the Role of Tobacco Control

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...dedicated to eliminating children's exposure to tobacco and secondhand smoke

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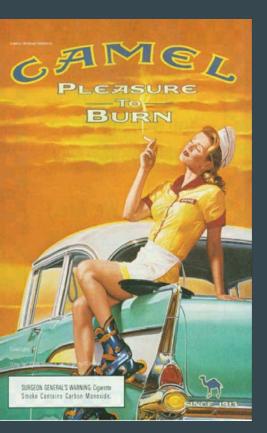
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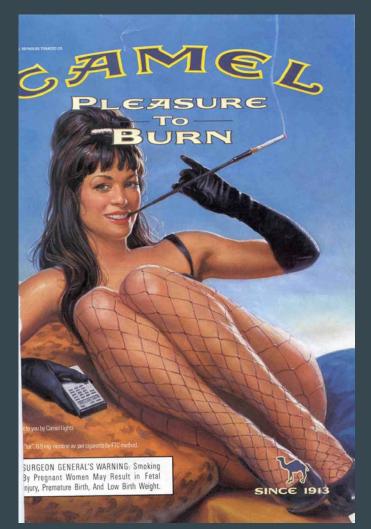


# Tobacco Use As an Infectious Disease

### **Tobacco Use As an Infectious Disease**



You get it from tobacco companies.



# What's in Cigarette Smoke?

More than 7,000 chemicals and 70 carcinogenic compounds in secondhand cigarette smoke

- > 70 Cancer-causing chemicals
  - Formaldehyde
  - o Benzene
  - o Polonium
  - Vinyl chloride

- Toxic metals:
  - Chromium
  - Arsenic
  - o Lead
  - o Cadmium

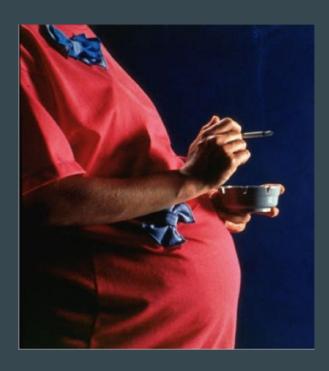
- Poison Gases:
  - Carbon monoxide
  - Hydrogen cyanide
  - Butane
  - o Ammonia

#### Risks for Women Who Smoke

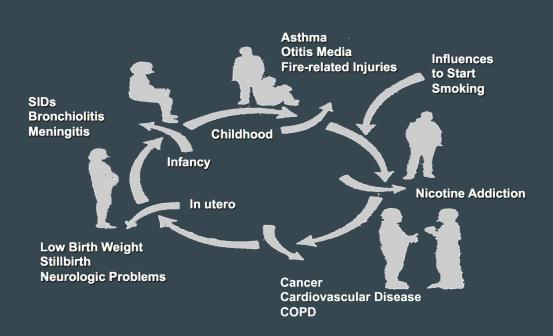
- Reproductive health problems
  - Infertility
  - Conception delay
  - Pregnancy complications
  - Menstrual irregularity
  - Earlier menopause
- Less likely to breastfeed
- Thrombosis with use of oral contraceptives

#### Prenatal/Neonatal Outcomes

- Miscarriage
- Cancers
- Fetal death
- Pre-term deliveries
- LBW baby
- Ectopic pregnancy
- SIDS
- Placenta previa and placental abruption
- Birth Defects (cleft lip/palate, heart defects, webbing)



# The Life Cycle of Smoking



#### A Call to Action

Smoking is the most modifiable risk factor for birth outcomes



#### 2008 Clinical Practice Guidelines Recommendation

"Because of the serious risk of smoking to the pregnant smoker and fetus, whenever possible smokers should be offered person-to-person psychosocial interventions that exceed minimal advice"

# **Pregnancy: A Unique Time**

- Often more open to change
- May have more support to quit while pregnant
- May not be socially acceptable to smoke if pregnant
- Excited, ambivalent, afraid
- May have more stress if unplanned pregnancy
- May have added financial burden even if planned

# Postpartum Opportunities

- Prepare for postpartum triggers, cues, depression
- Intervention during hospital stay
- Home visitors
- First pediatric appointment
- WIC
- Follow-up call by quitline or other counselors
- Postpartum checkup
- Smoke free home and car

#### **Tobacco and Youth**



#### **Tobacco and Children**

- 15% of U.S. adults smoke.
- Over 30% of U.S. children live with one or more smokers.



#### Children and SHS

- Children have little or no control over their exposure.
  - They have no voice and no choice
- Younger children spend most of their time with a parent;
  - if that parent smokes, SHS exposure can be highly significant
- Children do not generally understand the health risks posed by SHS.

# SHS Exposure Causes Death and Disease in Children

- ~6,200 children die each year in the U.S. as a result of SHS exposure
- ~5.4 million childhood illnesses are attributed to SHS exposure
- Annual costs attributable to SHS exposure: ~\$4.6 billion

#### SHS and Children: Short Term Health Effects

- Respiratory tract infections such as pneumonia & bronchitis
- Decreased pulmonary function
- Tooth decay
- House fires



# Long Term Effects of SHS Exposure

- Increased risk of cancers
  - Adult leukemia and lymphoma associated with exposure to maternal smoking before age 10
- Increased risk of neurocognitive problems
  - † incidence of learning disabilities, ADD/ADHD,
     behavioral difficulties
- Increased risk of heart disease
  - Adult cardiovascular disease begins & progresses silently during childhood.

#### **Tobacco-Free Homes are Protective**

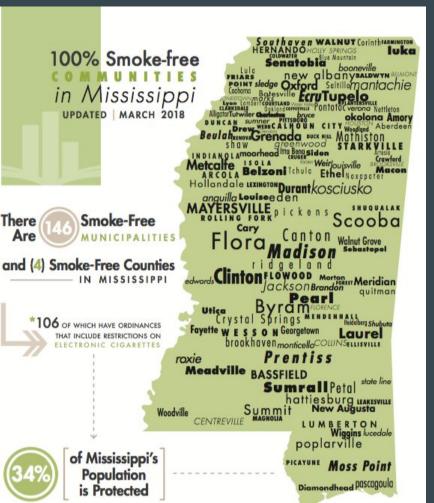
- Children and adolescents who live in tobacco-free homes are less likely to use tobacco
- Strict smoke free home rules encourage cessation among smoking members of household
- Home smoking bans reduce smoking rates and cigarette consumption among youth
- 78.4% of Mississippi adults report that their home is smoke-free
  - But only 44.9% of smokers do so

# Other Sources of Exposure

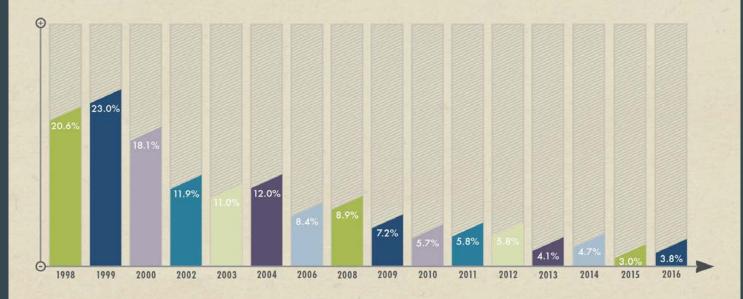
- Daycare
- Grandparents
- Non-custodial parents
- Friends
- Multiunit housing
- Family car
- Restaurants

# SHS exposure as a health disparity

- Who is exposed to SHS?
  - Overall, about 30% of US children
  - At least 50% of African American children
  - More than 1/3 of children in low SES homes
  - Low estimate (self report data only)

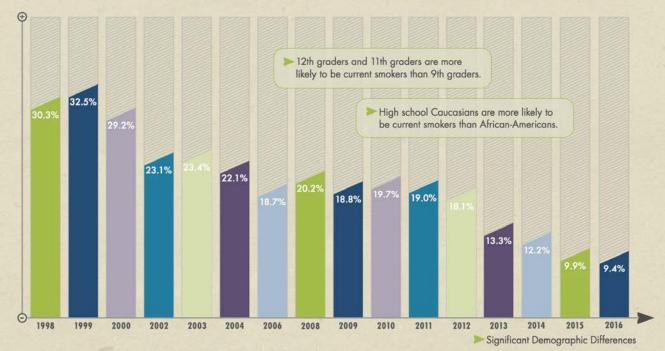


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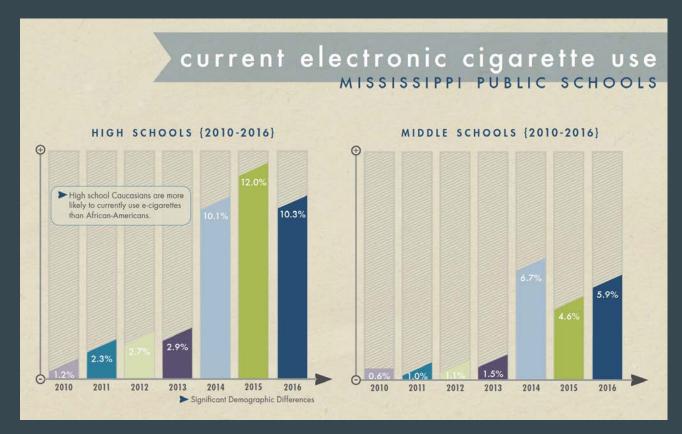
- \* In 2016, 4,072 Mississippi public middle school students were current smokers.
- \* The prevalence of current smoking has decreased by 82% since 1998, leading to 18,002 fewer young smokers.
- \* In the past year, the prevalence of current smoking has not changed significantly.

#### current cigarette smoking MS PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS



- \* In 2016, 12,624 Mississippi public high school students were current smokers.
- \* The prevalence of current smoking has decreased by 69% since 1998, leading to 28,069 fewer young smokers.
- In the past year, the prevalence of current smoking has not changed significantly.

# **Electronic Cigarettes**



# More on E-Cigarettes and Other Emerging Products

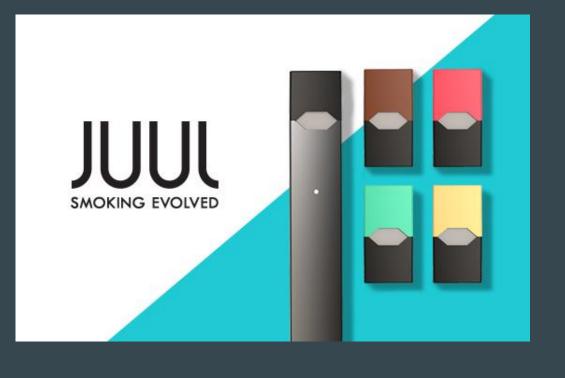










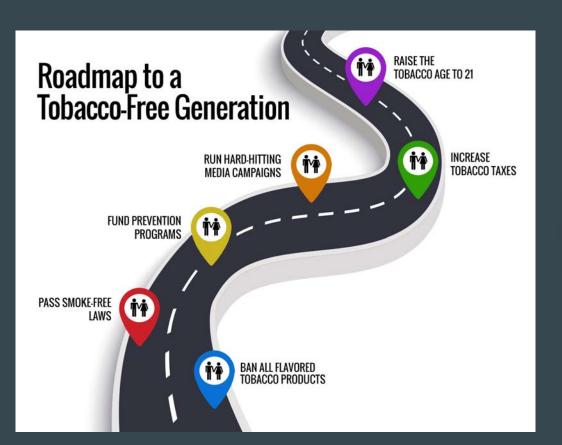














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