



# Tobacco Free Times

The Voice of the Tobacco Free Florida - Volusia County Partnership

Promoting healthy lifestyles through tobacco free living.

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## Partnership Highlights from 2015



### Smoke Free Multi-Unit Housing

**Highlands Manor Apartments** went 100% smoke free on Oct. 1, 2015. *"...Life is so much better since we are going 100% smoke free!"*



### Cigarette Butt Pick-ups

During events such as Kick Butts Day, Great American Smokeout and International Coastal Cleanup, an estimated 50,000 cigarette butts were picked up in Volusia County, raising awareness about the impact smoking has on health and the environment.



### Improvements Made to Tobacco Citation Class

The Partnership solved two problems with the Tobacco/Nicotine Citation Classes held each month in Volusia County. The traditional \$30 class fee was eliminated and, thanks to **Bethune-Cookman University**, a West Volusia class location was added at B-CU's Deltona Annex.



### Flavored Tobacco Warnings

The five remaining Volusia County cities joined all the other cities in adopting resolutions to restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products. The Partnership arranged for eight eye-catching billboards across Volusia County warning against flavored tobacco products.



### Smoking Down Among Teens

The Partnership hosted a speaker to present 2014 Youth Substance Abuse Survey data. The results included a decrease in smoking among middle and high school students in Volusia County.



### SWATmobile Made Its Debut

The splashy design and eye-catching message gives the previously plain white car a whole new mission: appearing all over Volusia County spreading the word about Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT).



### Partner Wins Statewide Award

**Bert Fish Medical Center** won a Worksite Wellness Award for Comprehensive Tobacco Cessation. The award was presented by the Florida Tobacco Cessation Alliance.

### About the TFF-VCP:

The **Tobacco Free Florida – Volusia County Partnership** (TFF-VCP) is made up of community organizations and leaders committed to educating others about tobacco use, helping protect kids from tobacco, and strengthening local policies, especially those that protect the public from secondhand smoke.

### Join Us!

The Partnership meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County at 1845 Holsonback Drive in Daytona Beach. The next meeting will be on **January 25, 2016**. Please contact us for details.

### We Also Come to You!

The Partnership wants to bring tobacco education to everyone. We do presentations for all ages and can participate in fairs and expos. Please contact Kristen Mialki at 386-274-0601 or [Kristen.Mialki@FLHealth.gov](mailto:Kristen.Mialki@FLHealth.gov).