

The No Smoking in Minnesota Public Housing Project

June 2010 Update



A HUD Leadership Development Program Project

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Project Mission

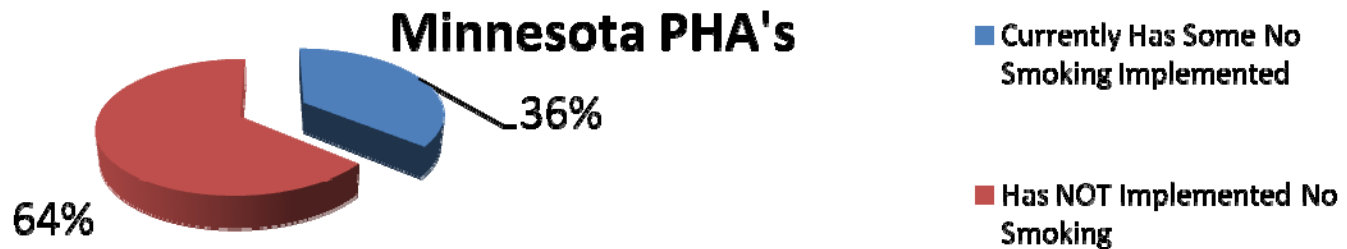
To increase communication of the processes and benefits and promote MN Public Housing Authorities to adopt non-smoking in multi-families buildings as per Notice PIH 2009-21. The project will be a partnership between the PIH Minneapolis Field Office, the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control and the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest.

The team will focus on creating and distributing promotional information designed to inspire HRA's to participate in the conversion to non-smoking buildings. We strive to gain commitments of PHA's to implement policies and choosing to provide healthy living environments to low-income residents.

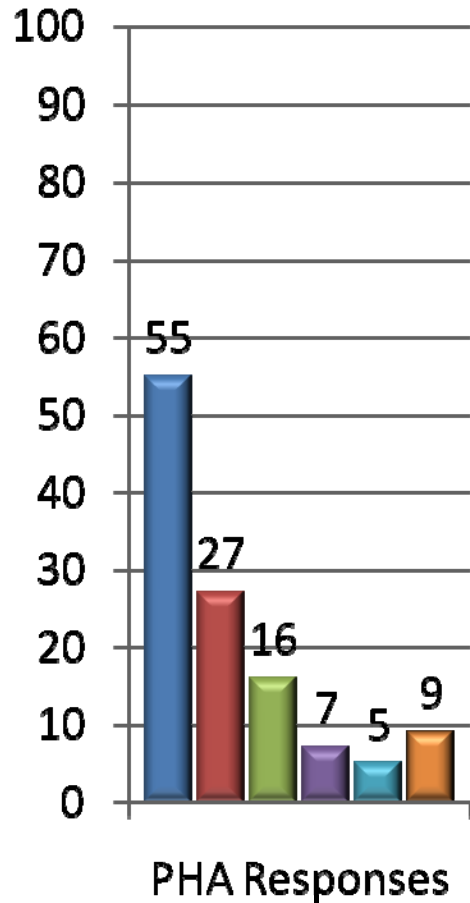
Minnesota Laws

- The Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act took in effect 1975. The purpose of this act was to enforce the "protection of the public health." It prohibited smoking in areas where children, ill or injured are present. This first Minnesota act also limited smoking indoor at public places and private meetings.
- On May 16, 2007, Minnesota passed the **Freedom to Breathe Act**. This act protects the public from hazardous secondhand smoke by banning smoking in public places. The ban took effect October 1, 2007. Minnesota is the 17th state to enforce a statewide smoking ban.

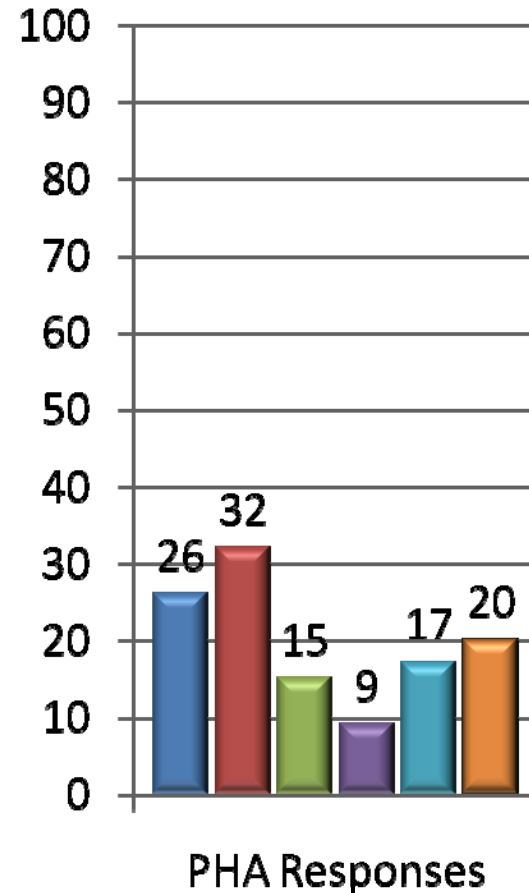
June 2010 Updated Data



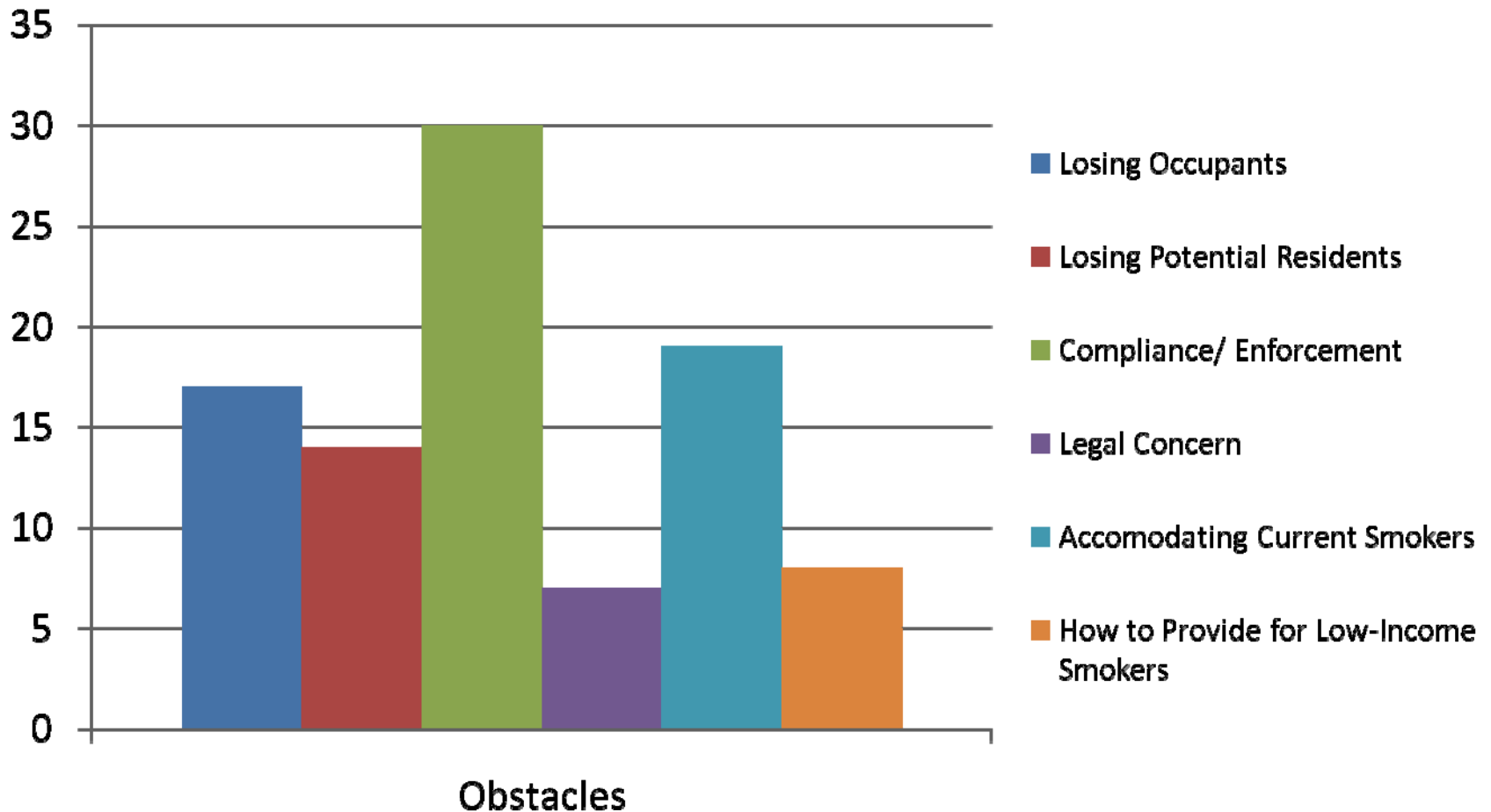
Baseline Status of PHA
Philosophy
(estimated by PHA staff)



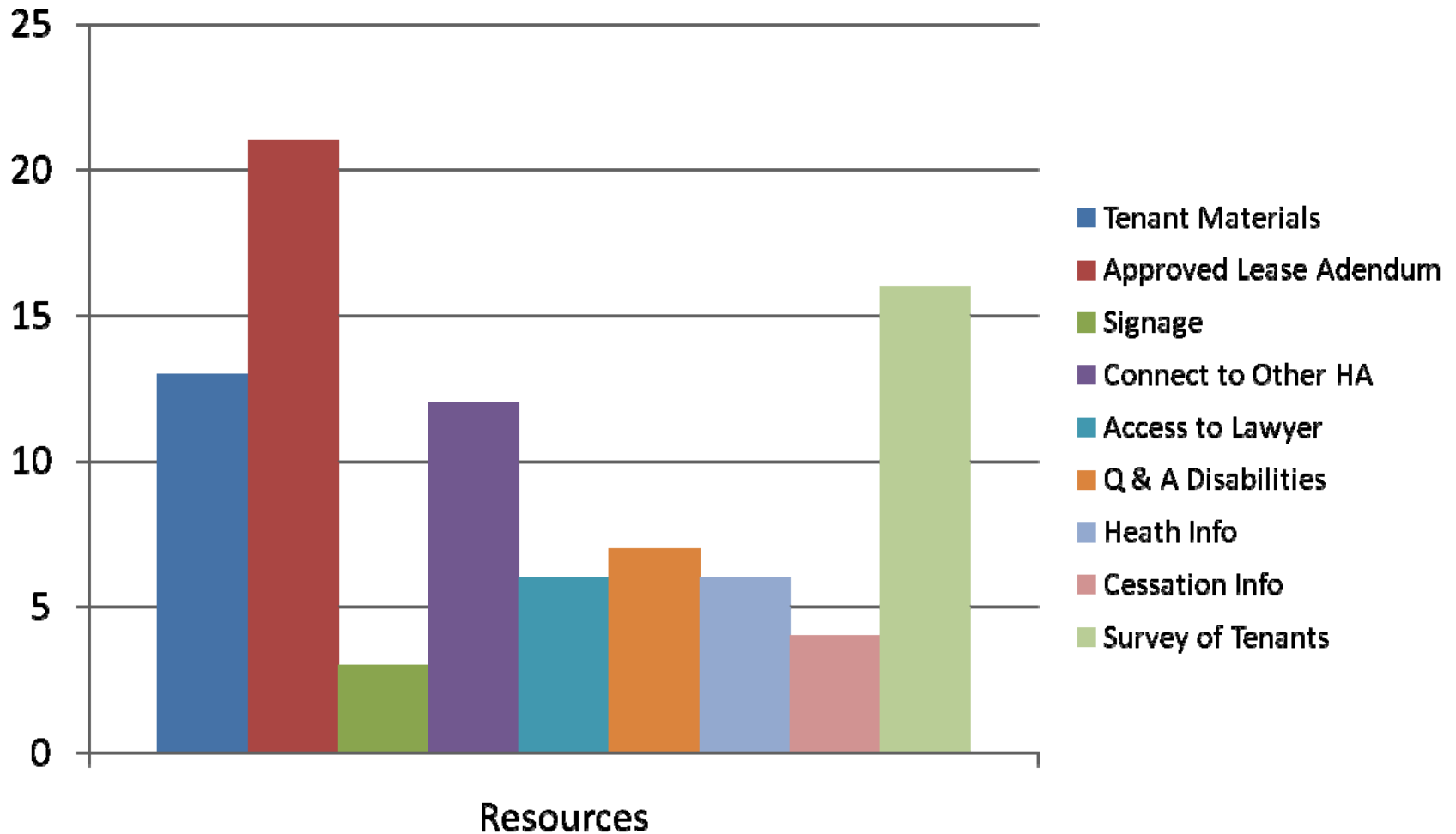
Baseline Status of Resident
Opinion
(estimated by PHA staff)



A PHA's Vision of Obstacles



What Resources do the PHA's Request



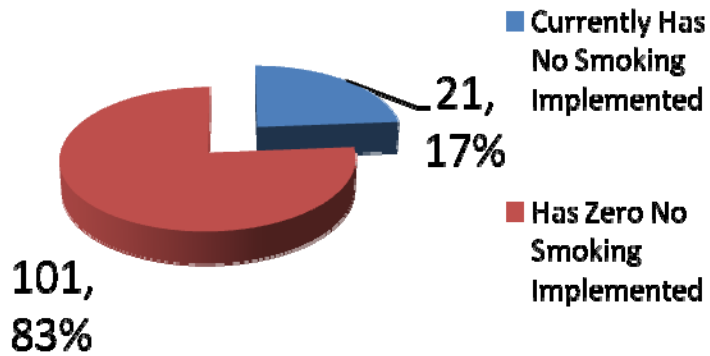
We developed a package and sent them to the Public Housing Authorities that provided the information and the support and guidance that they had requested. After providing this information, we asked for commitments from PHA's to implement policies that moved towards providing healthier living environments.

Each PHA was charted on their baseline responses and other vital data to see what individual circumstance and influences were in place. We considered:

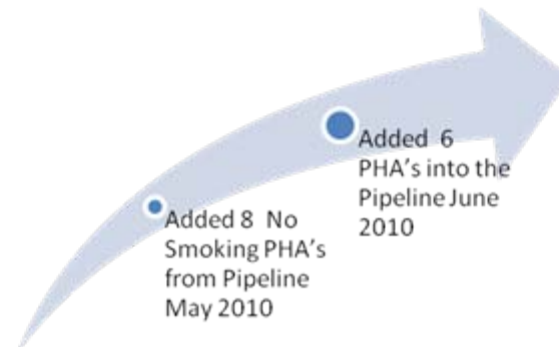
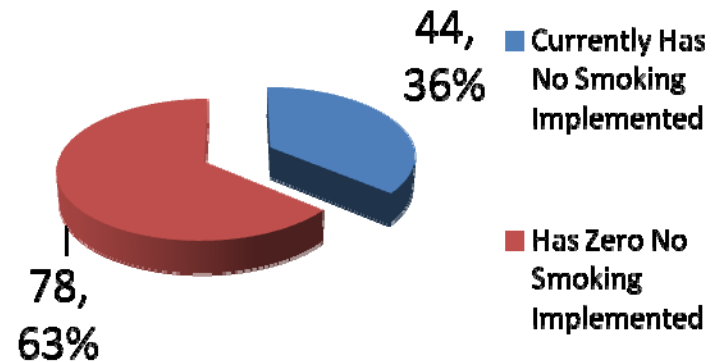
- Current status
- PHA Philosophy
- Resident Feelings
- Percentage of Smokers
- Multi-family Building structure

Number of Smoke Free Agencies

Minnesota PHA's Baseline 2009

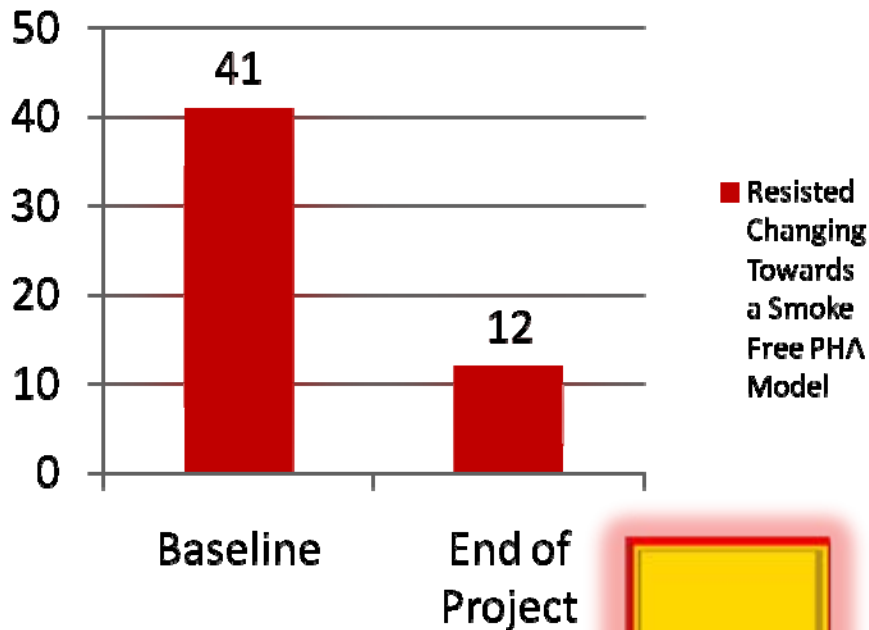


Minnesota PHA's June 2010



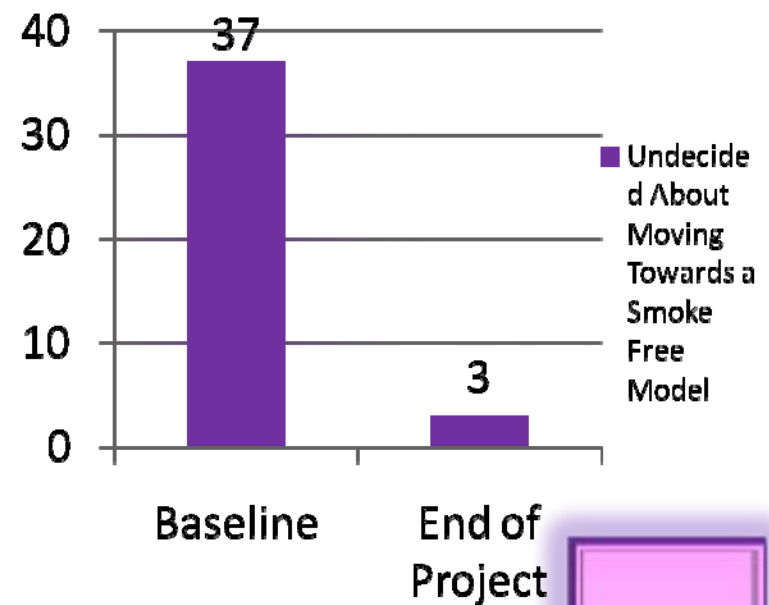
Attitudes

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GOING SMOKE
FREE!**



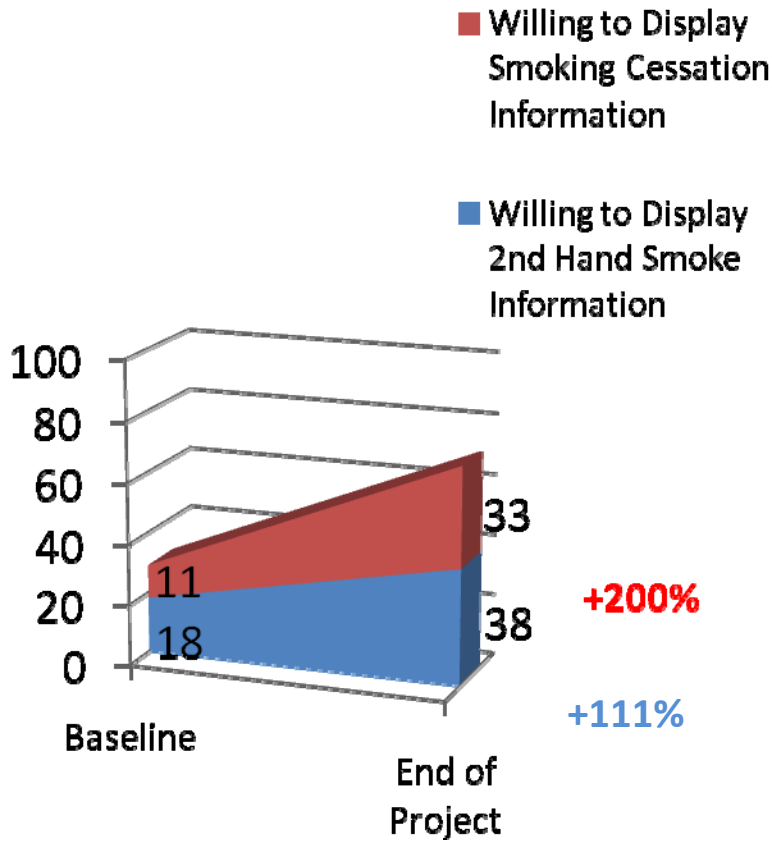
Reduced
71%

**WE ARE NOT SURE IF
WE WANT TO BE
SMOKE FREE!**



Reduced
92%

Increase Community Health Education Resources



The New Climate June 2010

