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**Mississippi State Department of Health renews
tobacco control grant for Choctaw, Montgomery and Webster Counties**

Jackson, Miss. – The Mississippi State Department of Health's (MSDH) Office of Tobacco Control has renewed the community tobacco control grant for Choctaw, Montgomery and Webster counties.

Monies from the grant are used by Coalitions of Choctaw, Montgomery and Webster counties to prevent tobacco use, encourage tobacco cessation and eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke among youth and adults in Choctaw, Montgomery and Webster counties.

Each year, Mississippi spends \$719 million on healthcare costs associated with tobacco use. The goal of MSDH's Office of Tobacco Control is to improve the health of all Mississippians through the elimination of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.