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**Mississippi State Department of Health renews tobacco control grant for Attala, Leake and Winston Counties**

Jackson, Miss. – The Mississippi State Department of Health's (MSDH) Office of Tobacco Control has renewed the community tobacco control grant for Attala, Leake and Winston Counties.

Monies from the grant are to be used by Coalitions of Attala, Leake and Winston counties to prevent tobacco use, encourage tobacco cessation and eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke among youth and adults in Attala, Leake and Winston 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.