

# **Taylor Brook Dental Associates**

A commitment to the health and wellbeing of their employees and their community

Workplaces can give back to their communities and employees in numerous ways. **One impactful way of doing so is passing a smoke-free policy for their worksites.** In doing so businesses help support employees who want to quit, create a healthier workforce, improve productivity, and reduce employee and community member exposure to secondhand smoke. **Taylor Brook Dental Associates made the commitment to their employees and their community in enacting a best-level smoke free policy for their worksite. In addition to tobacco products, Taylor Brook Dental Associates took the important step of including cannabis products in their policy as well.**

**All of the major forms of tobacco used in the U.S. have oral health consequences, such as cancer, lesions, and bone damage. Because of the oral health implications of tobacco use, dental practices may provide a uniquely effective setting for tobacco use recognition, prevention, and cessation.**  
-American Dental Association



With the assistance of District Tobacco Prevention Partners, Healthy Androscoggin was able to create and disseminate fifteen tailor made policy toolkits to local businesses. **These toolkits included a letter to the business discussing the importance of smoke-free policies, a good, better, and best level policy tailored to the business that included cannabis products, a success story, a sign order form, and a stamped return envelope.** The policy passed with Taylor Brook Dental Associates marks the first policy to be passed through this recent initiative.

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