

Implementation of Comprehensive Strategy to Control Youth Access to Tobacco

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WHEREAS youth tobacco use begins at elementary school age, increases dramatically between Grades 7 and 9, and prevails among approximately one-quarter of Ontario youth by Grade 13;

WHEREAS a recent study of adult Canadians indicates unacceptable levels of tobacco-related knowledge and behaviour;

WHEREAS increasingly sophisticated methods of tobacco promotion are being pursued by tobacco companies to recruit and maintain smokers;

WHEREAS the provincial goal is the eventual elimination of tobacco use;

WHEREAS tobacco may be a gateway drug leading to tobacco addiction and other drug use, legal and illegal;

WHEREAS the focused expansion of current youth prevention activities can contribute substantially to the attainment of provincial health goals;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT OPHA advocate for the implementation of a comprehensive plan by the Ministry of Health to reduce youth access to tobacco.

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