Overview of College and University Policy Adoptions/Revisions

Overall Goals and Activities:

Increase the number of college/university campuses that strengthen or implement a tobacco-free policy.

- Analyse tobacco-free policy assessments of colleges/universities and provide technical assistance on implementation and enforcement for college/university campuses with missing components of a comprehensive policy.
- Fund up to 18 public health districts in establishing and/or strengthening tobacco-free policies for schools and colleges/universities.

1990 - 2012

- Twenty colleges and universities adopted 100% tobacco-free policies.
- Tobacco Free (100%) = Policy Prohibits all Tobacco Products, Indoors and Outdoors (ANR).
- The Technical College Systems Georgia (TCSG) adopted/revised a tobacco-free campus covering over 20 associated campuses, May 2006.

2014 - 2018

- Thirty-one colleges and universities adopted tobacco free policies (total of 51 covered colleges/universities).
- Policies were adopted and/or revised between 2014-2018 for comprehensiveness and to include e-cigarettes.
- The University System of Georgia (USG) adopted a tobacco-free campus policy, March 2014 covering over 28 university campuses.

2021 - 2022

- One college adopted a 100% tobacco-free policy in FY22 (total of 52 covered colleges/universities).
- Updates provided to the 100% tobacco-free model policy and assessments for colleges/universities (tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vaping).

2023 - 2024

- Efforts continue to support colleges and universities in establishing or strengthening tobacco-free policies.
- Updates provided to the 100% tobacco-free model policy were made to reflect amendments from the Georgia Smokefree Air Act.

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