



**Organization:** Clallam County Prevention Works! Community Coalition, WA

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**Q: What did you change a law, a regulation, an ordinance, a policy or other?**

**A:** The Clallam County Prevention Works! Community Coalition, a member of CADCA, helped to enact a local ordinance that prohibits smoking on county-owned/leased properties, which includes the creation of “smoke-free zones” at the county fair.

**Q: Where did the idea to make the change originate?**

**A:** The idea to make change originated because Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clients entering the Clallam County Courthouse in order to access Health and Human Services had to walk through clouds of secondhand smoke. This ordinance was drafted to protect the health of WIC clients and all visitors to the Courthouse, Juvenile and Family Services, and the Road Maintenance Buildings.

**Q: What elected or other government officials did you meet with to accomplish this change?**

**A:** Representatives from Clallam County Prevention Works! Community Coalition and Clallam County Health and Human Services met with the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, the Clallam County Public Health Advisory Committee, the Clallam County Board of Health, the Clallam County Sheriff, the Port Angeles Police Chief, and the District Court Judge.

**Q: What materials did you use to make your case that the change was necessary and would produce the desired results?**

**A:** We focused on educating leaders about the effects of secondhand smoke and data showing that the majority of Clallam County residents feel secondhand smoke is annoying and that children should be protected from secondhand smoke.

**Q: Through what system/process did you make your change?**

**A:** Clallam County Health and Human Services’ Tobacco Prevention & Control Specialist and Clallam County Prevention Works! Community Coalition Board Member, Rachel Anderson presented a draft ordinance to the Clallam County Public Health Advisory Committee, and the Clallam County Board of Health, with unanimous support from both boards. Per a request from the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, staff met with the Parks Board and Fair Board. While both the Parks and Fair Boards were

interested in changing community smoking norms, neither board was supportive of the ordinance.

**Q: Who were your allies in making this change?**

**A:** Our allies were the Clallam County Prevention Works! Community Coalition, the Clallam County Public Health Advisory Committee, the Clallam County Board of Health, the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, the Clallam County Sheriff, the Port Angeles Police Chief, and the District Court Judge.

**Q: Who opposed this change?**

**A:** There was no opposition to this change.

**Q: Did you testify in front of local boards or state governing bodies?**

**A:** Rachel Anderson presented secondhand smoke educational information and local statistics to the Clallam County Board of Health and Clallam County Board of Commissioners. A public hearing was held to discuss the proposed ordinance, and Clallam County Prevention Works! Community Coalition members spoke in favor of the ordinance. It was during the public hearing that the Clallam County Board of Commissioners decided to revisit the issue of smoking on the Clallam County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Mike Chapman and Rachel Anderson met with the Fair Board, and it was decided that the Fairgrounds would have smoke-free zones.

**Q: Did you participate in media advocacy to make your change?**

**A:** There was an increase in advertising in the local daily newspaper.

**Q: Please describe in detail the outcome of your change.**

**A:** Passage of Clallam County Ordinance 761, Prohibiting Smoking on Clallam County Property, including “Smoke-Free Zones” at the Clallam County Fairgrounds. There are designated covered smoking areas at the Clallam County Courthouse, per the request of local labor unions.

**Q: Any other comments about your environmental change that you wish to share.**

**A:** Passage of Clallam County Ordinance 761 occurred due to the support from the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, and the collaborative efforts of Clallam County Prevention Works! Community Coalition and Clallam County Health and Human Services.

