

Local Businesses are Proud to be Tobacco Free

The Okmulgee YMCA and the Okmulgee Public Library are showing their support for the recently adopted tobacco free property policies. These policies prohibit the use of any form of tobacco product, including electronic cigarettes, on the property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, both indoors and outdoors.



The Okmulgee Public Library became tobacco free this past April, when the Tobacco Free City Ordinance was passed by the Okmulgee City Council. The ordinance designates all city-owned property as tobacco free, including the city-owned parks.



“The Okmulgee Public Library and the Okmulgee YMCA are places that are frequently visited by children, and it is important that they see healthy role modeling. The policy that the businesses implemented matches the same policy that can be seen in almost all of the county schools, and even the State funded universities.” says Jennifer Avery, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator.

The Communities of Excellence Tobacco Prevention program works toward passing policies and educating the public on the deceptive practices of the tobacco industry. If your business is proud to be tobacco free, or if you would like more information on implementing policies within local businesses, communities, and schools contact the Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition’s Tobacco Prevention Program at 918-756-1883 x 138.