

GEAR UP TN and STOP: Separate but Complementary Programs Organizational Structure

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission coordinates two programs, GEAR UP TN Program and the STOP Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program for the benefit of youth and their families in the same nine Tennessee counties: Campbell, Cocke, Grundy, Hardeman, Johnson, Lake, Meigs, Union, and Wayne. While these two programs are distinctly separate in their funding sources and in their administration structure, they work side by side in promoting educational attainment and better health choices for students in these counties. The goal of GEAR UP TN is to increase the number of students in these counties who complete high school and participate in post secondary education. The goal of the STOP program is to decrease the use of tobacco products by students and their families in the counties served. The following outline illustrates the similarity in organizational structure of the two programs while clearly denoting differences in funding sources.

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	GEAR UP TN	STOP Tobacco Program
Grant Recipient and State Coordinating Agency	Tennessee Higher Education Commission	Tennessee Higher Education Commission
Funding Source	U.S. DOE Federal Grant	Tennessee Department of Health Grant
Program Coordinator	Tennessee Higher Education Commission Kathleen Tone, GEAR UP TN Director	Tennessee Higher Education Commission Linda Doran, Associate Executive Director Beth Fuller, Tennessee Institute of Public Health Director
Fiscal Agent	Tennessee Higher Education Commission	Tennessee Higher Education Commission
Program Partners	LEAs of nine counties	LEAs of nine counties
Program Collaboration		Tennessee Department of Health Dru Potash, Director of Program Evaluation for Quality Improvement
Program Evaluation	University of Tennessee Knoxville Gary Skolits, Director, Institute of Assessment and Evaluation	University of Tennessee Knoxville Gary Skolits, Director, Institute of Assessment and Evaluation
Coordinator Training		Middle Tennessee State University Center for Health and Human Service Jo Edwards, Center Director Jill Thomas, STOP Training Coordinator
Regional Coordinators	East TN Coordinator West TN Coordinator	East TN Coordinator Middle TN Coordinator West TN Coordinator
County Coordinators	Coordinator for each of nine counties	Coordinator for each of nine counties
Community Partners	Local organizations, advisory groups, Chambers of Commerce, others	Local organizations, advisory groups, Chambers of Commerce, coordinated school health, county health councils, others