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## **September 2018 Newsletter**

Center for a Tobacco-Free Finger Lakes (CTFFL) (Funded by NYSDOH, Bureau of Tobacco Control)

Serving: Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Schuyler, Steuben, Wayne and Yates counties

Our Goal: Working with Medical Health Systems and Mental Health Systems to establish sustainable tobacco control.

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### **Tobacco Product And Oral Health**

Smokers are four times more likely to develop oral health issues than non-smokers. Health issues include:

- Gum Disease
- Tooth Discoloration
- Inflamed Salivary Glands
- Bad Breath
- Leukoplakia (white patches inside mouth)
- Oral Cancer
- Increased Plaque/Tartar
- Bone Loss in Jaw

Tobacco Free = Good Oral Health



# NY STATE SMOKERS' QUITLINE LAUNCHES ENHANCED WEBSITE

Redesigned nysmokefree.com features updated healthcare provider resources, new logo, increased visuals and Online News Room.

https://nysmokefree.com/

#### **Clients Not Ready To Set A Quit Date?**

- Identify potential negative consequences of using tobacco.
- 2. Identify benefits of quitting.
- 3. Highlight the most relevant reason they continue to smoke.
- 4. Have them identify the barriers to quitting.
- 5. Help them find ways to address barriers.
- 6. Let them know you are there to support them when they are ready to set a quit date.

### **Healthy Ways to Relieve Stress**

- 1. Plan your time well.
- 2. Be realistic about what you can accomplish.
- 3. Think positively.
- 4. Make time for yourself.
- 5. Spend time with friends and family.
- 6. Learn some relaxation techniques.
- 7. Eat a healthy diet.
- 8. Get enough sleep.
- 9. Stay physically active.
- 10. Stop Smoking.





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Tobacco Users and Providers can contact the NY State Smokers' Quitline or visit their website for support and resources.

1-866-697-8487 or their website <a href="https://www.nysmokefree.com">www.nysmokefree.com</a>.