



Acronyms & Definitions

Acculturation – process whereby attitudes and/or behaviors of people from one culture are modified as a result of contact with a different culture. Implies mutual influences in which elements of two cultures mingle and merge.

Assimilation – process of cultural absorption of a minority group into the main cultural body.

ATOD – alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

BRFSS – behavioral risk factor surveillance system

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Culture – thoughts, styles of communicating, ways of interacting, views on roles and relationships, values, practices and customs

Cultural Competency – Having the capacity to function effectively as an individual and an organization within the context of cultural beliefs, behaviors and needs presented by consumers and their communities. An ability to understand and relate to others in a trustworthy manner, with respect for individual cultural differences.

Diversity – differences that exist within populations and communities (racial/ethnic, tribal, gender, age, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, geography, religion, education)

Disparities – see “Tobacco-Related Disparities”

Equity – exists when disparities are absent. Inequality implies basic unfairness that contributes to differences between groups being compared.

ETS – environmental tobacco smoke

HK2010 – Healthy Kansans 2010, Kansas’ statewide planning process to identify and adopt health priorities to improve the health of all Kansans

HP2010 – Healthy People 2010, a national framework for prevention with national health objectives designed to identify the most significant preventative threats to health and to establish national goals to reduce those threats.

Inclusiveness – assurance that diverse population groups are represented and involved in a

meaningful manner in the participatory planning process

Inclusivity – promotion of representation and involvement of various populations in all levels of decision making

Institutionalized Racism – procedures, practices and behaviors within an organization that support and encourage direct or indirect racial discrimination

KDHE – Kansas Department of Health and Environment

LGBT – lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender

OHP – Office of Health Promotion, Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The Tobacco Use Prevention Program (TUPP) is located within the Office of Health Promotion, KDHE.

OMB – Office of Management and Budget

OMB 15 – A decision was made by the OMB in 1997 on how to standardize the classification of federal data on race and ethnicity. The five categories for data on race are “American Indian or Alaska Native”, “Asian”, “Black or African American”, “Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander”, and “White”. The two categories for data on ethnicity are “Hispanic or Latino” and “Not Hispanic or Latino”.

OSH – Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Parity - the condition whereby all members of the workgroup have equal opportunity for input and participation, as well as equal voice in priority setting and identifying critical issues during the strategic planning process

Quitline – **1-866-KAN-STOP** - KDHE’s toll-free quitline for one-on-one counseling for Kansas residents interested in quitting tobacco (includes spit/chew tobacco); various languages available

Racism – set of attitudes and behaviors towards another racial or ethnic group based on: 1) belief that natural differences in physical characteristics correspond directly to differences in ability and personality, 2) social and economic power of members of one racial or ethnic group to enforce and enact such attitudes and behaviors towards others

Representation - assurance that those who are representing a specific population group truly reflect that community’s values, norms and behaviors

Strategic Planning – the process of determining long-term goals and then identifying the best approach to achieving those goals

Tobacco-Related Disparities – differences in patterns, prevention and treatment of tobacco use

TUPP – Tobacco Use Prevention Program, KDHE

