To all Rhode Island tobacco control programs:

LGBT HealthLink (formerly the Network for LGBT Health Equity) recently conducted a survey of all 50 states to determine their level of LGBT inclusion in tobacco control work. For years we have been circulating our best practices for states on LGBT tobacco control; this survey is our attempt to gauge adoption of those best practices at a state level.

While we are very proud of the work done by many states, this survey also shows us what work still needs to be done. We will track each state’s success over time. Importantly, we offer states resources to enhance LGBT integration in tobacco control work at every level. Thank you for all of your progress to date, for all of the progress we will make in the future, and for helping with our common goal: reducing smoking rates in the LGBT communities.
Rhode Island

On the Network for LGBT Health Equity Survey, Rhode Island received a grade of C+, indicating an average score with room for improvement. To see other state grades, and for information on eliminating smoking in the LGBT community, please visit lgbthealthlink.org

- Include LGBT community members in policy and planning for tobacco control 2 OUT OF 2 POINTS
- Monitor impact of tobacco on the LGBT population 3 OUT OF 7 POINTS
- Establish cultural competency standards for statewide tobacco control programs 2 OUT OF 4 POINTS
- Fund community-based tobacco control programs 0 OUT OF 4 POINTS
- Routinely integrate LGBT tailored efforts into larger campaigns for tobacco control 1 OUT OF 2 POINTS
- Disseminate findings and lessons learned about LGBT tobacco control 1 OUT OF 1 POINT
- Utilize LGBT HealthLink resources in the last year 0.5 EXTRA CREDIT POINT(S)

**GRADING BREAKDOWN**

9.5 OUT OF 20 POINTS
AVERAGE, NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

C+