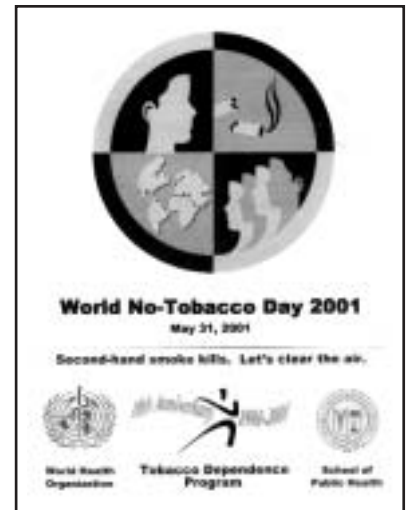


Tobacco Dependence Program Celebrates 10-year Anniversary

The Tobacco Dependence Program was founded in 1991 when the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services awarded a grant to Dr. John Slade to develop programming to help alcohol and drug treatment agencies to integrate tobacco policies and tobacco dependence treatment into their programs. Originally named "Addressing Tobacco in the Treatment of Other Addictions", the program provided consultation and training throughout New Jersey and, with additional support from a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant, became known nationwide for its innovative work.

In 2000, the name "Tobacco Dependence Program" was adopted and the program received significant funding from New Jersey's Master Tobacco Settlement. This allowed for expansion into consultation and training for mental health agencies, and programs serving young people modeled on the ongoing services provided to substance abuse treatment agencies. Outreach activities to primary care providers, and extensive training and education activities have also been added, and a tobacco dependence treatment clinic was opened in January of 2001.



In the spring of 2001, the Tobacco Dependence Program celebrated its tenth year of operation with an open house on World No Tobacco Day. Festivities included the awarding of a plaque to Dr. John Slade, founder of the program, for his inspiration and leadership. Dr. Slade's signature bow tie was engraved on the plaque and staff members sported flashing bow ties in his honor.