

September TAP and TEG Enews From Community Intervention (September 2005)

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Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Amy DeNoyer and I am the Director of Training, taking over for Mary Beth Anderson who is moving to a new community in Minnesota. She will be starting a new career and hopes to run TAP and TEG groups at the local high school. She sends everyone her best wishes.

As some of you may remember, I worked for Community Intervention a few years ago. I recognize many of your names and look forward to working with you. I will do everything I can to be of service to you. Feel free to call or email anytime. Welcome to the 2005/2006 school year!

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### **Tobacco Trivia: Did you know?**

Studies show that the concentrations of carbon monoxide, nicotine, "tar," and heavy metals in water pipes (hookas) is as high or higher than those among cigarette smokers making the health consequences of smoking water pipes similar to cigarette smoking. (July 2005, Pediatrics)

Smoking cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products caused 14,450 residential fires in 2004 resulting in 520 deaths. Smoking-related fires most often start in the bedrooms or living rooms after smokers fall asleep. (Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as reported on July 27, 2005 on [www.jointogether.org](http://www.jointogether.org))  
FEMA Website: <http://www.fema.gov>

Exposure to any secondhand smoking during pregnancy presents a risk for genetic mutation for unborn children. (BMC Pediatrics, July 2005)

### **For up-to-the-minute dates and locations, go to**

<http://communityintervention.org/ShowView/traindates>

### **September Question of the Month**

Many struggle to enforce tobacco policies and procedures in alternative schools. The concern seems to be that if a "no smoking" policy is enforced, then students will skip school, skip class, or even worse, drop out. On the other hand, many of you enforce the tobacco policies at your alternative schools and report that policy enforcement does not cause undue stress.

So, the September question of the month is, "Do your alternative schools enforce a 'no tobacco use' policy? Are **TAP** and **TEG** groups offered? Is **TEG** offered only to those who violate the school policy or is it part of the alternative school health curriculum?"