



Victory in the fight against cancer requires bold new public policies that promote cancer prevention, early detection of cancer, and expand access to quality, affordable health care. Lawmakers make many decisions that impact the lives of Ohioans touched by cancer and their leadership is vital to defeating this disease. In 2015, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) will work with the Ohio Legislature in support of the following priorities:

Reducing the Toll of Tobacco

- **Increase Tax on All Tobacco Products:** ACS CAN will promote stronger evidence-based policies regarding tobacco state excise taxes, and tobacco control program funding. We will propose a \$1.00 per pack increase of the cigarette tax and an equivalent increase in the tax for all other tobacco products.
- **Increase Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Funding:** ACS CAN seeks to restore funding of \$50 million per year to Ohio's Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program. We will advocate for the linkage of the aforementioned tax increases to fund the restoration of the Program in the biennial budget.
- **Defend Smoke-free Law:** ACS CAN will defend Ohio's strong indoor smoke-free law by ensuring adequate funding for enforcement efforts are included in the biennial budget. Additionally, we will support enhancements to the rules process which will increase the effectiveness of the enforcement.

Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

- **Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings:** ACS CAN will advocate for funding of the state breast and cervical cancer screening program for low- income, uninsured women administered by Ohio Department of Health.
- **Skin Cancer Prevention:** ACS CAN will work to strengthen Ohio's indoor tanning law to prevent indoor tanning access for all children under 18 years of age.

Improving Quality of Life for Patients and Survivors

- ACS CAN will work to improve cancer patients' quality of life by creating a Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council to identify barriers to the availability of coordinated, supportive care during treatment from the beginning of diagnosis of serious diseases such as cancer.

Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Obesity Prevention

- ACS CAN will assess statewide opportunities to reduce obesity, improve nutrition and increase physical activity consistent with ACS CAN recommendations.

Ensuring Access to Quality Care

- **Affordable Care Act & Medicaid Expansion:** ACS CAN will work with state legislators and the Administration to ensure that the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion is implemented in Ohio in ways that make preventive services and cancer treatments more affordable and accessible.

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ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard.