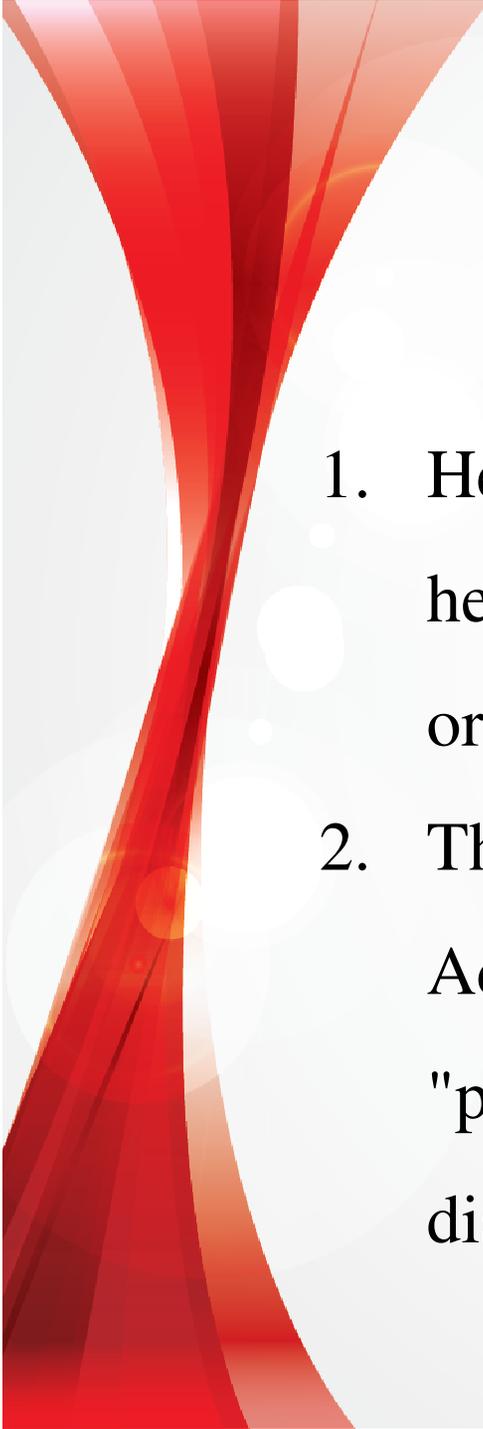


Intervention Area #4

**Identifying and Eliminating Tobacco-related
Disparities Among Population Groups**

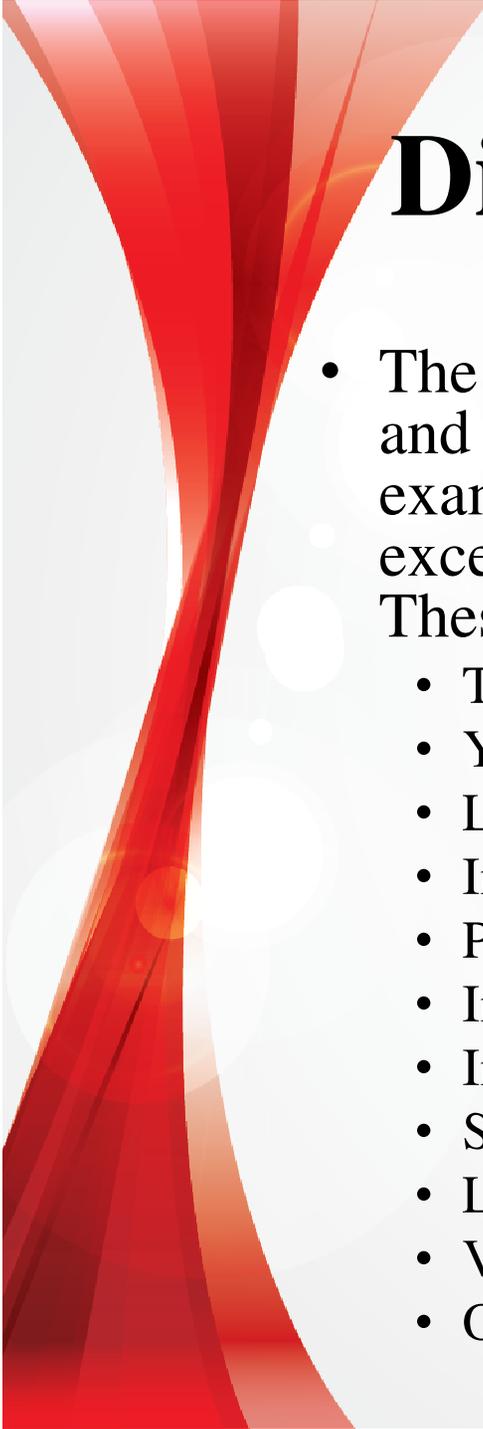
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Disparities

1. Health disparities refer to gaps in the quality of health and health care across racial, ethnic, sexual orientation and socioeconomic groups.
2. The Health Resources and Services Administration defines health disparities as "population-specific differences in the presence of disease, health outcomes, or access to health care"

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Disparities & Tobacco Use

- The burden of tobacco use, and resulting disease, disability and death are not borne equally across society. A closer examination of data reveals that smoking rates are exceedingly high among certain disparate populations. These include:
 - Teenagers
 - Young people aged 18 - 24
 - Low income residents
 - Individuals without a high school diploma
 - Pregnant Women
 - Individuals with disabilities
 - Individuals with Mental Illness and/or developmental disabilities
 - Substance abusers
 - Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)
 - Veterans
 - Other groups, including ethnic minorities

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Questions

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