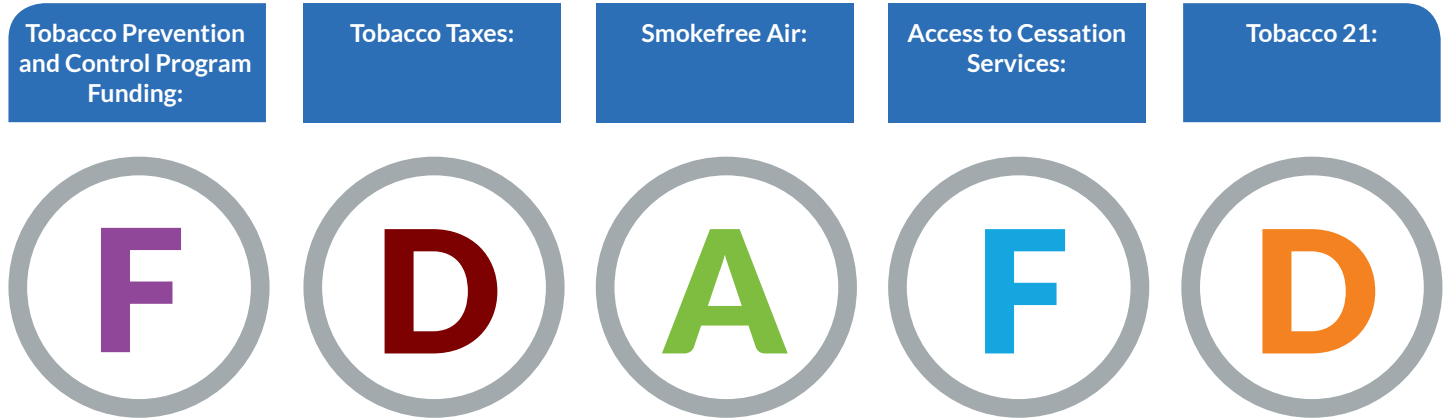


We know how to prevent tobacco use and help current smokers quit, but states and the federal government are not implementing these proven-effective, lifesaving laws and policies. The American Lung Association’s “State of Tobacco Control 2017” report shows both the progress and failure of states and the federal government to prevent and reduce tobacco use. To learn more go to StateOfTobaccoControl.org



 **State Goals:**

1. Increase the tobacco tax and create tax parity between the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes;
2. Secure state tobacco prevention and cessation funding; and
3. Increase the minimum age of sale for tobacco products to 21 years old.

MORE THAN ONE IN FOUR KIDS IN THE U.S. USES TOBACCO PRODUCTS.



 **State Facts:**

Health Care Costs Due to Smoking:	\$4,065,531,641
Adult Smoking Rate:	13.5%
Adult Tobacco Use Rate:	14.8%
High School Smoking Rate:	8.2%
High School Tobacco Use Rate:	N/A
Middle School Smoking Rate:	1.2%
Smoking Attributable Deaths:	11,780

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