

The Problem

- **49,000,000 Americans smoke cigarettes**
- **435,000 Americans die prematurely each year due to smoking related illness**
 - **1,100,000 Indiana adults smoke cigarettes**
- **9,800 Indiana adults die prematurely from smoking related illness each year**
 - **Tobacco use rates (smoking rates) and therefore premature death rates are much higher among individuals with mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders**
- **Approximately 4,300 Indiana adults with MI/SA disorders die prematurely of smoking related disease each year**
 - **The MI/SA provider community has been slow in responding to this patient health issue**
 - **Indiana medical costs to treat smoking related illness amount to over \$2 billion annually**
 - **Indiana Medicaid expenditures are nearly \$500 million per year to treat smoking related illness**
 - **Annually, cigarette smoking causes more deaths than alcohol, AIDS, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders and suicides combined**
- **Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States**
- **44% of all the cigarettes purchased and consumed in the United States are purchased by individuals with mental illness or alcohol/drug disorders**
- **Tobacco dependence is more than just a bad habit, it is true addictive illness**
