

# Commercial Tobacco & Vaping Use During Pregnancy

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1:30-3:00pm MDT

Come join us to discuss the difference between traditional tobacco and commercial tobacco, and how you can strive for a healthy pregnancy by managing your use and exposure to commercial tobacco & vaping products during and after pregnancy. Learn about support options that may help you overcome nicotine dependence. Hear how supports have been tailored to assist Indigenous Peoples and how honouring Indigenous midwifery can improve pregnancy health outcomes.

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## Learning Outcomes:

- Increase awareness of the difference between traditional tobacco and commercial tobacco
- Increase awareness of the reproductive health benefits of avoiding use and exposure to commercial tobacco & vaping products
- Increase awareness of Indigenously centered reproductive health information and support
- Increase awareness of the AlbertaQuits cessation supports available to Indigenous Peoples of which the AlbertaQuits Helpline offers 23 Indigenous languages for translation

## Speakers:

**Grandmother Jackie Bromley** - Blackfoot member of the Kainai Blood Tribe in Southern Alberta. Grandmother Jackie is involved in several community and urban initiatives that help improve the lives of Indigenous Peoples living in Alberta

**Darrel Melvin, M.Ed., RRT, CTE** - Alberta Health Services Tobacco, Vaping & Cannabis Program member with a respiratory therapy background and 37 years experience addressing commercial tobacco. As a non-indigenous ally has had the privilege to work with and learn from First Nation Elders through the Keep Tobacco Sacred Collaboration. áikayissaissapi Blackfoot gifted name

**Christene Fetterly, BA CRP** - Alberta Health Services Tobacco, Vaping & Cannabis Program member with more than 20 years in commercial tobacco/nicotine harm reduction and a specialized focus in reproductive health.

**Gail Foreman, RN BScN** - Alberta Health Services central Alberta subject matter expert with nursing background in reproductive health and who's addressed harms from commercial tobacco/nicotine for over 40 years.

**Angie Wong, PHD** - Alberta Health Services Senior Consultant of Indigenous Wellness Core with subject matter expertise on Indigenous maternal health, midwifery, and settler colonial studies. Former professor of Indigenous Studies @ Lakehead University on 1850 Robinson-Superior Territory, and a Sessional Instructor @ Seven Generations Education Institute serving Treaty 3, Ontario.



**Target Audience:** People who use commercial tobacco and vaping products and who are in their reproductive years such as when they are thinking about pregnancy, are pregnant and when they may be breastfeeding.

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