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Restaurant Survey Highlights—June 30, 2003

Demographics

- 98 restaurants with indoor seating completed the survey
- 66% were restaurants only; 33% were a combination of a restaurant and bar
- Close to 1/3 were owned or supervised by another office
- The number of seats ranged from 8 to 800

Smoking Policy

- 31% were completely smoke free; 43% allowed smoking in designated areas; 1% allowed smoking in designated areas only at designated times; and 24% allowed smoking anywhere in the restaurant
- “Customer demand” and “history of allowing smoking” were the most prevalent reasons for allowing smoking
- Of the restaurants that had both smoking and non-smoking sections, more seats were offered in non-smoking sections
- 45% of the restaurants that allowed smoking in designated areas posted signs indicating non-smoking areas; of these, 19% posted signs at each entrance
- The reasons why restaurants establish smoking policies were similar for both smoke-free and non smoke-free restaurants, with “customer demand” being ranked “very important” by the most restaurants

Assistance

- Of the 30 non smoke-free restaurants, 13 were interested in revising existing smoking policies; 18 were interested in information about becoming smoke free
- Of the 98 surveyed, 26 restaurants were interested in receiving assistance with appropriate signage related to smoking policies; and 42 were interested in programs that could help employees quit using tobacco products

Incentive Winners

As a token of our appreciation, a drawing was held, and the following five survey participants won gift baskets from the Washington Wild Things:

- Karen Gailey, Joe’s; Ken Layhue, Eat ‘n Park; Steve Spisak, Wendy’s; Danny Trubiana, Danny’s Restaurant; Freda Bush, Subway

Congratulations! If you did not receive your gift basket, please contact Partners in Corporate Health at 724-229-8101.