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Eagle Ridge Institute adopts a policy Prohibiting Tobacco-Use

The Oklahoma City-County Health Department applauds Eagle Ridge Institute's adoption of a gold standard policy prohibiting all forms of tobacco including vapor products in all buildings and all property owned or operated by Eagle Ridge Institute.

The tobacco industry is continuously seeking replacement tobacco users. Eagle Ridge Institute's tobacco-free policy provides a great example for children to not become tobacco users.

"It is imperative for Eagle Ridge to be a tobacco free facility due to the undeniable research that shows 50,000 people die a year from second hand smoke." said, CEO Michael Hanes.

For free assistance to quit smoking or using tobacco, call the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669). For Spanish call 1-855-DEJALO-YA (1-855-335-3569).

The Helpline is available 24 hours a day or online at www.OKhelpline.com. Registration and support is free for both services and a free two-week starter kit of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges is available.

