### Background

- Improving integration of tobacco treatment into behavioral healthcare a priority issue for reducing tobacco-related disparities
- Professional Social Workers well positioned to meet this challenge:
  - 40% in behavioral health/substance abuse treatment settings
- Case management & psychosocial services provided in multiple settings
- Have expertise facilitating client-led change & leading systems level & policy interventions
- Engaging Social Work students in tobacco use treatment (TUT) internship experiences may:
  - Increase buy-in among social work students & educators about fit between social work & tobacco treatment
  - Instill tobacco treatment specific skills & knowledge that students will apply to coursework and future internship and work opportunities
- Expand reach of the tobacco treatment in many settings
- Better understanding of knowledge and attitudes needed to maximize impact of such internship experiences

### Results

#### Interns (n=6)

**Change in Knowledge and Skills**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Knowledge Category</th>
<th>Before NDP Placement</th>
<th>After NDP Placement</th>
<th>Extent to which</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Health effects of tobacco use and cessation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Psychosocial aspects of tobacco use and dependence</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tobacco-related disorders</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tobacco treatment</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motivational interviewing</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tobacco-specific treatments</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tobacco-specific treatments: nontobacco addictions</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tobacco-specific treatments: smoking cessation strategies</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Fit with Social Work Education & Practice**

- **TUT – Specific Attitudes and Application**
  - Did your NDP experience influence your views of tobacco use treatment for clients in:
    - Behavioral health treatment settings: 6
    - Substance abuse treatment settings: 6
    - Other social services settings: 5
  - Extent to which:
    - Not at all | A little | Somewhat | Great deal
    - Applied tobacco treatment specific skills to other internship sites: 3 | 1 | 2 | 2
    - Applied tobacco treatment specific knowledge to other internships: 2 | 2 | 2 |

**Fit With Social Work Education and Practice**

- **Extent to which you believe:**
  - My NDP internship enhanced my social work skill development, more than my coursework alone would have come close to doing:
    - Somewhat | Very | Strongly
    - Agree | Agree

### Results – Faculty (n=12)

**Fit With Social Work Education and Practice**

- **Extent to which agree with following:**
  - Tobacco use is a social justice issue
    - Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Very Disagree | Strongly Disagree
    - 7 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2
  - Tobacco control & tobacco use treatment are priority issues for social workers
    - 7 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2
  - Tobacco use should be addressed with all clients in behavioral health treatment settings
    - 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2
  - Tobacco use should be addressed with clients in substance abuse treatment settings
    - 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2
  - Tobacco use/nicotine addiction should be addressed as fully as other drugs of abuse in the substance abuse treatment setting
    - 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2
  - Tobacco use/nicotine addiction is currently addressed as fully as other drugs of abuse in the substance abuse treatment setting
    - 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2
  - Tobacco use/nicotine addiction is currently addressed as fully as other drugs of abuse in the substance abuse treatment setting
    - 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2

### Conclusions

- **Limitations**
  - Small sample sizes preclude generalizability
  - Self-report measures

- **Conclusions**
  - Former interns rate NDP experience highly and report strong TUT and Social Work skill development and application
  - Interns and faculty respondents perceive TUT as good fit with Social Work education and practice
  - Outreach (e.g., trainings, lectures) from NDP to School of Social Work needed to strengthen integration of TUT into Social Work curricula