From Health Destruction to Health Promotion Conversion of a Worksite Smoking Shelter

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hile implementing a comprehensive tobaccofree campus policy that prohibits tobacco use anywhere on its property, a government health agency found that its outdoor smoking shelters were no longer needed for their original purpose. At the same time, bicycle commuters at the agency were requesting covered parking to protect their bicycles from the weather. By removing a bench and install-



Figure 1. Shelter before conversion. Printed with permission.

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Figure 2. Shelter after conversion.

ing a bicycle rack, the agency inexpensively converted a shelter that facilitated the health-destroying behavior of smoking (Figure 1) into a structure that facilitated the health-promoting behavior of bicycle commuting (Figure 2).

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