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## Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program

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Each year more than 8,000 Kentuckians die of illnesses caused by tobacco use. Some die of lung cancer, while others die of cardiovascular disease as a result of tobacco use. Annually, over \$1.2 billion is spent in Medicaid and Medicare funds to treat Kentuckians for illnesses caused or made worse by their use of tobacco products. This equals \$300.00 for each of the four million people living in Kentucky.

Current state statistics indicate that 27.5 percent of Kentucky's adults smoke. Thirty-four percent of Kentucky's high school students use cigarettes, and 15 percent of the state's middle school students smoke. It is estimated that roughly 24 percent of women in Kentucky smoke during their pregnancy. To help combat the toll that tobacco takes on the health of Kentuckians, the state's Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program has adopted the four Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) goals for reducing the negative health effects of tobacco use:

- Preventing the initiation of tobacco use among young people
- Promoting cessation among young people and adults
- Eliminating non-smokers exposure to environmental tobacco smoke
- Identifying and eliminating the disparities related to tobacco and its effects on different population groups

The program's mission is to reduce preventable and premature deaths attributed to tobacco by implementing programs to decrease tobacco use and exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke. This includes local and statewide initiatives aimed at preventing initiation of smoking in youth and helping those who wish to quit to do so.

Also included is a community component based in local health departments, which draws on existing infrastructure and strong

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**1-800-QUITNOW**

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linkages among the many groups concerned about reducing the health risks and illness associated with tobacco use.

Kentucky is one of 46 states to receive funds from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. With these funds and a grant from CDC, staff in the Department for Public Health (KDPH) provides ongoing technical support and training for local health departments (LHD) as well as funding to help them achieve their specific area goals.

Each of LDH's local goals are aimed at assisting the state to achieve the Healthy Kentuckians 2010 objectives. Healthy Kentuckians 2010 is part of a national health initiative with two wide-reaching goals: to increase the quality and years of healthy life, and to eliminate health disparities.

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