# **Quitting Smoking or Other Tobacco Products**



Quitting smoking is identified as the single most important health improvement you can make to reduce your risk of developing cancer and other serious health issues. Many ex-smokers say quitting was the hardest thing they ever did. **Yet millions of people have done it — and you can, too.** 



# Tips and resources to help you succeed

## What's your why?



- Not sure? Ask yourself:
  - How much money could you save by quitting? Smoking one pack of cigarettes a day costs about \$238 a week, which is over \$12,400 a year
  - What do you dislike about smoking or using smokeless tobacco?
  - What do you miss out on when smoking or using tobacco?
  - How does it affect your health?
  - What happens to you and your family if you continue tobacco use?
  - How will your life improve if you quit?

# Preparing to quit

- Set a quit date, giving yourself time to prepare
- Research over the counter options such as gum, patches and pouches
- Talk to your doctor about options for medications and support

# **Building your quit plan**

- Let loved ones know you are quitting
- Remove reminders of smoking or tobacco products
- Identify your reasons for quitting
- Identify triggers
- Develop coping strategies
- Identify places to turn to for help
- Determine how you will reward yourself when you reach milestones (i.e., after a week, a month, etc.)

## Resources to help you

#### **Free Resources**

#### Nebraska Tobacco-Free Quitline

- 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) English
- 1-855-DÉJELO-YA (335-3569) Spanish and more than 200 languages available
- QuitNow.ne.gov website for information, support and helpful links
- Nebraska Tobacco Quitline on Facebook,
  @NebraskaTobaccoQuitline

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

 Healthy Living-Smoking and Tobacco Use



- Quit smoking app
  - quitSTART available in Google Play and Apple Store

#### **Area Support Groups**



## **Live Online Chat**



### **Resources with a Charge**

#### **Local Resource**

- Bryan LifePointe class
  - Call 402-481-6300