

# TOGETHER!

## Youth Violence, Alcohol, Tobacco, Drug Prevention

### Teens Say—Don't Smoke

**SPLAT! Mission: To promote healthy lives by informing and helping all who are affected by tobacco.**



SPLAT!, is a group of high school students who encourage others not to smoke or use tobacco. In May they recorded two public service announcements to the *Fresh Prince of Bellaire* theme song. They had a great time and the PSA was aired for Kick Butts Day at a local high school. They won 3<sup>rd</sup> place when they performed it for the finals at the Spring Prevention Forum. The Forum was attended by about 200 teens from around the state. SPLAT! is: Students Protesting Lies About Tobacco

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The Prevention Summits have been held for 25 years. This October more than 200 teens attended and they participated in some great trainings. They were then invited to work in groups of 6 or less on projects to benefit their communities, using what they had learned. They came back for the Spring Summit at Great Wolf Lodge to share their projects and the top 6 projects were chosen to be presented to the whole group. Our SPLAT! kids were one of the groups chosen!

SPLAT! is a dedicated and diverse group of teens who make an impact in our community. Coordinated by TOGETHER!'s tobacco prevention program staff, the group meets monthly to plan projects in the areas of awareness, advocacy and action. They raise awareness by visiting local high schools in the fall to recruit new volunteers and they set up info tables in school lunch rooms for Kick Butts Day, World No Tobacco Day and Great American Smoke Out Day. They advocate by working with the local city councils and parks departments to pass tobacco free parks policies. They take action by planning events such as Policy Maker Education Day where 100 youth from around the state delivered education messages to their legislators about the dangers of second hand smoke.

**FACT: Tobacco is the number one preventable killer in America**