## The Quitting Journey Facts. Tools. Tips.

A Pathway to a Healthier Jefferson County

- Fact: Cutting back or quitting has immediate health benefits for the tobacco user and those around them.<sup>1</sup>
- Breaking free of tobacco is a process. It can be hard. It's not impossible.<sup>2</sup>
- A slip is not a failure. Each attempt to stop using tobacco makes it easier to stop for good the next time.<sup>2</sup>
- There is no perfect way to quit. Try different methods and tools to find what works best for you.<sup>3</sup>
- Most people do not break free of tobacco the first time they try. It
  usually takes many attempts. The more someone tries, the closer
  they are to being free of tobacco for good.<sup>2</sup>
- Quitting IS possible and worth it, even for those most strongly addicted.

## Health Benefits of Quitting Blood pressure/pulse return to normal Breathing is easier, more energy Withdrawals fade. You feel better Lung efficiency up by 5-10%, bye, bye coughing

10 years

Lung cancer risk cut

in half. Heart attack

risk the same as a non-smoker

## **Tools and Tips for the Journey:**

- For telephone support, coaching and resources to help you or a loved one become tobacco-free, call the Colorado Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.
- Support by phone, group and web-based 12 Step meetings is available from Nicotine-anonymous.org.
- Find guides and resources for becoming tobacco-free at MyQuitPath.org and BecomeAnEx.org.

Find a path. Help yourself and others navigate a tobacco-free world.

For more information, visit www.tobaccofreejeffco.com or call 303-275-7555

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