**Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults—**

**A Report of the Surgeon General**

**Key Messages**

* More than 600,000 middle school students smoke cigarettes.
* More than 3 million high school students smoke cigarettes.
* Nearly a million and a half kids under age 18 will try their first cigarette this year.
* Smoking kills more than 1,200 Americans every day. And every tobacco-related death is replaced by two new smokers under the age of 25.
* The younger kids are when they try tobacco, the more likely they are to get addicted.
* 3 out of 4 teens who smoke will continue smoking into adulthood – even if they intend to quit in a few years.
* More than a million dollars an hour is spent to market tobacco products in this country.
* Successful tobacco prevention programs more than pay for themselves in lives and health care dollars saved; the most effective ones are funded at or near CDC-recommended levels.