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## News Alert

# Northeast Community Challenge Coalition

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## The Great American Smoke Out

**The Great American Smoke Out** takes place on November 19, 2009. On this day, people will be challenged to quit smoking for at least one day in hopes that they might quit for good. Research tells us that smokers experience more success when they receive support. With more than 43 million U.S. adult smokers, it is important to provide vital support to help individuals kick the habit.

Call 1-800-227-2345 to find stop smoking hotlines in your area.

### Advocate for sound public policy

Below are the current bills in the 128th Ohio General Assembly.

Bill # SB 37: **TOBACCO TAXES:** To increase the tobacco products excise tax rate and to credit some of the additional revenue to the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund.

Bill # SB 120: **SMOKING BAN:** Regarding exemptions from the smoking ban.

Bill # 135: **SMOKING IN VEHICLES:** To prohibit smoking in a motor vehicle with a child under 6 years of age as a passenger.

**For more information go to:**

[www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)

[www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org)

[www.investigatinginyouth.org](http://www.investigatinginyouth.org)

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