

## Statement of support from a tobaccofree coalition

Patrick Reynolds spoke at a Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Arkansas' regional youth meeting on April 15th, 2002 at the Nettleton High School in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Mr. Reynolds is a dynamic speaker, and not only does he have an intriguing personal testimony, but he has an admirable drive for tobacco prevention.

A very positive article in the Jonesboro Sun, and coverage by local KAIT Channel 8 news, brought the tobacco free message to the wider Jonesboro community. Mr. Reynolds' inspiring message of hope for the future near the end of his talk, and his conclusion, "So hold on to your health for the amazing, wondrous years ahead of you in the 21st Century!" may have indeed helped to motivate many of the students to stay healthy.

We were pleased with Patrick Reynolds' skills as a speaker and have invited him back, to speak at our statewide Teen Summit on October 23rd at the Alltel Arena in North Little Rock.

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