

Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program of Chouteau County Youth Mini-Grant Program  
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## Youth Mini Grant Information

Chouteau County youth are being offered an opportunity to become involved in tobacco awareness and prevention. School service organizations, sports clubs, groups, and classroom clubs are just a few examples of those who can benefit from this program. GRANTS between \$200 and \$300 will be awarded for an approved prevention/awareness/healthy lifestyle focused activity. Groups can participate in a variety of ways. Some ideas include, putting on skits for younger children, organizing a community awareness project, developing announcements for public service radio/tv, or announcements for local sports or public events.

These are just a few ideas. Creative ingenuity is strongly encouraged. Activities can be scheduled throughout the year. Groups can promote healthy lifestyles while developing community awareness and project development. Nothing to lose.....and FUNDS to gain!

Click here for an [application](#) and let the projects begin.

For more information, call 622-3771

Visit our website at:

[www.co.chouteau.mt.us/tobacco](http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/tobacco)  
Click on "It's Not Even Worth It" to see a previous mini-grant winner's project on YouTube

## Tobacco Days of Action

### Clean Indoor Air Act – Oct 1st!

ReACT Youth Regional Workshop

October 7, 2009, Ursuline Center Great Falls

Red Ribbon Week - October 17-25, 2009

Great American Smoke-Out - November 19, 2009

Through With Chew Week – February 14-20, 2010

Kick Butts Day – March 24, 2010

reACT Youth Summit – Summer, 2010

**These are GREAT opportunities for youth involvement and activities with the grant program.**

In Montana alone, 1400 people die from tobacco related diseases each year. Chouteau County Youth have participated in youth rallies and community events and given presentations to fellow students. Contrary to some popular beliefs, chewing is NOT a safe alternative to cigarettes. The tobacco industry advertises spit/chew tobacco as "smokeless" while implying it is also "harmless" or "less harmful." Both are far from true. Smokeless ads feature extreme sports, cowboys, hunters, blue collar workers and lately, professional businessmen to convince youth that spit/chew is cool. ALL schools campuses are 100% tobacco free, NO exceptions. Chouteau County youth are encouraged to become involved. In addition to providing youth with valuable information about the strategies used by tobacco companies, reACT provides youth with opportunities to develop skills in public speaking, writing, volunteering, networking with other youth across the state, and leadership.