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N.J. ranks one of the lowest in nation in preventing kids from smoking, report says

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TRENTON — New Jersey ranks 46th in the nation in funding programs to prevent kids from smoking and to help smokers quit.

The American Cancer Society released the report today, one day before the Great American Smokeout.

The report finds New Jersey currently spends \$600,000 annually on tobacco prevention and cessation programs. That's down from \$7.6 million last year.

The money has been shifted to help balance the budget.

The cancer society says 17 percent of New Jersey high school students smoke.

Nationally, the report finds most states are failing to adequately fund programs to prevent kids from smoking and help smokers quit. Funding for the programs has been cut to the lowest level since 1999.

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A cigarette lies in an ashtray in Essen, western Germany, on July 6, 2010.