



# TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

## Circulating Help Your Peers Requests

*These are the current circulating Help Your Peers requests.*

### Grant Solutions Program Staff

**Deadline:** February 22, 2017

New Hampshire is wondering about the number of program staff that program managers will want/need to contribute to grants solutions. New Hampshire is planning for two users, but wonders if there should be more. All thoughts are welcomed!

### Tobacco Control Messages Sensitive to Tobacco Farmers

**Deadline:** February 22, 2017

A Tennessee NPHIC member is working on a series of community engagement meetings in Tennessee to build support for additional tobacco control efforts. This member would appreciate any information states would be willing to share on tobacco control messages with sensitivity given to farmers who grow tobacco.

### Dripping Fact Sheets

**Deadline:** February 22, 2017

Has your state produced a fact sheet on "dripping"? If so, are you willing to share it?

*If you have any information to share or know someone who does, please reply to [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org) and we will connect you with the person who submitted the request.*

## Partner Announcements

[ASTHO Co-Hosting Two Upcoming Tobacco Webinars with National Partners](#)

The biweekly **TCN News** provides a concise digest of tobacco control announcements to the Tobacco Control Network's membership base of tobacco control program managers and additional staff from each state, territory, and D.C., as well as our valued partners.

### Upcoming Events

[Opportunities for State and Local Health Department Collaboration in Rural and Smokeless Tobacco Control](#) – ASTHO and NACCHO  
Feb. 22, 3:30-5 PM  
ET|Registration Required

[Hitting Home Runs with Tobacco 21 and Tobacco-Free Baseball Policies](#) – ASTHO and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Feb. 28, 3-4:15 PM  
ET|Registration Required

Navigating Challenging Environments: Three Strategies for Maintaining Momentum for Tobacco Control – Tobacco Control Training Collaborative (TCTC)  
Mar. 1, 3-4:30 PM ET|Save the Date

[10<sup>th</sup> Health Disparities Conference](#) – Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy, Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education  
New Orleans, LA  
Mar. 16-18|Registration Required

## ASTHO

ASTHO is co-hosting two tobacco-related webinars. The [first webinar](#), co-hosted with NACCHO, will focus on opportunities for state and local health department collaboration in rural and smokeless tobacco control. It will take place on Feb. 22, 3:30-5 pm ET and feature state and local examples from Mississippi and Oklahoma. The [second webinar](#), co-hosted with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, will address synergies between tobacco-free baseball and tobacco 21 policies, with a state example from Massachusetts. It will be held on Feb. 28, 3-4:15 pm ET.

### [ASTHO Case Study: North Dakota Tobacco Prevention and Control Program](#)

## ASTHO

An ASTHO case study outlines the North Dakota Tobacco Prevention and Control Program's efforts to reduce tobacco related health disparities by directly funding Tribal Tobacco Prevention Coordinators (TTPCs) to engage American Indian tribes. TTPCs develop tobacco prevention initiatives within individual communities but stay within the CDC Best Practices Framework for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs including: preventing tobacco initiation among youth and young adults, eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke, and promoting cessation. For more tobacco resources, please visit ASTHO's [tobacco webpage](#).

### [Educational Trainings on Addressing Health Disparities in the LGBT Population Available from LGBT HealthLink](#)

## LGBT HealthLink

LGBT HealthLink provides educational webinars for departments of health and health systems to train on LGBT cultural competency and best and promising practices to address tobacco and cancer-related health disparities in LGBT communities. HealthLink also provides individualized technical assistance to help states enhance their work addressing LGBT health disparities. To request a training, please reach out to [Anthony R. Campo](#), Education, Training, & Outreach Manager.

### [American's for Nonsmokers' Rights \(ANR\) Releases Model Public Housing Smokefree Policy](#)

## ANR

ANR recently released a model policy to assist Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) with the adoption of a strong smoke-free policy. PHAs are welcome to use the language in full or adapt portions to meet individual needs. The goal is to help make the policy

### [Health Equity in Practice: Engaging African Americans in Tobacco Control Strategies](#)

– NAATPN (National African American Tobacco Prevention Network)

Austin, TX

Mar. 21, 1-5 PM CT|*Registration Required*

### [2017 National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#)

Austin, TX

Mar. 22-24|*Registration Required*

### [The Society for Public Health Education \(SOPHE\) 68th Annual Conference](#)

Denver, CO

Mar. 30 – April 1|*Registration Required*

### [National Council for Behavioral Health National Conference 2017](#)

Seattle, WA

Apr. 3-5|*Registration Required*

### [Public Workshop on Battery Safety Concerns in Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems \(ENDS\)](#)

– FDA

Silver Spring, MD

Apr. 19-20|*Registration Required*

### [2017 NNPHI Annual Conference: Navigating Uncertainty, Spanning Boundaries, Improving Health](#)

– National Network of Public Health Institutes

New Orleans, LA

May 17-19|*Registration Required*

### [NACCHO Annual 2017 – Public Health Revolution: Bridging Clinical Medicine and Population Health](#)

– National Association of City and County Health Officials

Pittsburg, PA

July 11-13|*Save the Date*

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## Funding Opportunities

adoption process easier by providing sample legally reviewed language. This language complies with and complements the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's smoke-free rule that went into effect on Feb. 3.

### [Truth Initiative Offers Scholarships to Undergraduate and Graduate Students](#)

#### *Truth Initiative*

Truth Initiative is offering two \$5,000 scholarships to support undergraduate and graduate students who are innovatively confronting tobacco use. Over the past decade, the Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship for Outreach and Health Communications to Reduce Tobacco Use Among Priority Populations has recognized students for their commitment to community service and use of the creative arts to raise awareness of tobacco's harmful impacts in disproportionately affected communities. Applications will be accepted until April 30. Awardees will be notified by June 30. For more information, email [adamsscholarship@truthinitiative.org](mailto:adamsscholarship@truthinitiative.org).

### [FDA Announces New Database for Grandfathered Tobacco Products](#)

#### *FDA*

FDA refers to a tobacco product that was commercially marketed (as opposed to exclusively in test markets) in the U.S. as of Feb. 15, 2007, as a grandfathered tobacco product. These grandfathered products are not subject to the premarket requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and may serve as the predicate tobacco product in an application demonstrating substantial equivalence (SE) for a new tobacco product. The FDA's new database contains determination information from standalone grandfathered submissions reviewed by FDA, and does not include grandfathered determinations from SE applications. The database will be updated periodically.

## State News

[Kentucky Schools Enact Tobacco Ban, Advancing Legislature \(KY\)](#) – *Lexington Herald Leader*. This month the Senate Education Committee passed Senate Bill 79, which prohibits tobacco on public school property in Kentucky. Under the bill, no tobacco products can be used on any public school property or at any school-sponsored activity in Kentucky. With 16.9 percent of high school students in Kentucky who smoke regularly, higher than the 15 percent of adults in the U.S. who regularly smoke, it is hoped

### [American Cancer Society Center for Tobacco Control Announces Second Round of Applications for Tobacco-free Generation Campus Initiative \(TFGCI\) Grant Program](#)

**Deadline: Feb. 28, 2017, 5 PM ET**

Funding is available to public or private, non-profit, and higher education institutions in the United States, accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency. In addition to grants, the American Cancer Society will also provide technical assistance and other resources to applicants and grantees.

#### **Job Listings**

[Health Education Specialist Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services Helena, MT](#)

[State Admin. Manager – Tobacco Section Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Lansing, MI](#)

[Senior Evaluator Professional Data Analysis, Inc. Minneapolis, MN](#)

#### **About the Tobacco Control Network**

The TCN's mission is to improve the public's health by providing education and state-based expertise to tobacco prevention and control at the state and national levels.

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that Bill 79 will decrease the percentage of youth and young adult smokers. Fayette County Schools are moving the effective start date to Aug. 10, with Bill 79 going into full effect in 2018-2019.

[Minnesota Announces New Web Portal with Smoke-Free Housing Resources \(MN\)](#) – *Smoke-Free Public Housing Minnesota*. The Minnesota Department of Health, in partnership with Live Smoke Free (a program of the Association for Nonsmokers MN), the American Lung Association in Minnesota, and the Public Health Law Center, created a new web portal with resources to support property managers and residents of public housing in Minnesota during their transition to becoming smoke-free. The online portal includes new and updated smoke-free policy implementation resources specifically for use with public housing managers and residents in Minnesota.

[Blue Cross Report Reveals Health and Economic Impacts of Tobacco \(MN\)](#) – *BlueCross BlueShield Minnesota*. A new report issued by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota reveals health and economic impacts of smoking and highlights need to reduce burden of tobacco-related health inequities. The report outlines the economic burden on taxpayers, employers and governments by illustrating how the \$3.19 billion in excess healthcare costs associated with smoking could also fund 6,380 fire trucks, 200 libraries, 58,000 four year degrees, 79,750 jobs at \$40,000 each, and 10 state capitol renovations. In MN, there has been great progress throughout the state, as awareness of negative effects of tobacco has increased and policies implemented. However, there are still deep inequities that persist, putting communities at risk.

## In the News

[Tobacco Giant R.J. Reynolds Uses Black Leaders to Combat Menthol Restrictions](#) – *Salon*. R.J. Reynolds, the top seller of the Newport menthol cigarettes, is using the issue of police harassment to counter efforts by public health advocates to restrict menthol sales. [According to CDC](#), menthols account for about 30 percent of U.S. cigarette sales, but are the choice of more than 80 percent of black smokers and more than half of smokers under age 18. In recent months, Newport has quietly enlisted black groups and leaders, including civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton and ex-Florida Congressman Kendrick B. Meek, to hold meetings where discussion of unintended consequences of banning cigarettes and the risks of underground market development.

organizations, and a peer group of the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#) (ASTHO) on behalf of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

### About ASTHO

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials is the national nonprofit association representing the state and territorial public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia. ASTHO members, the chief health officials of these jurisdictions, are dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy and to ensuring excellence in state-based public health practice.



[Kids Who Live with E-Cigarette Users May Think Smoking is Okay](#) – *Reuters*. A recent study in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* found that electronic nicotine delivery systems promote acceptance of cigarette smoking. The study team found that students who had never smoked had a positive view of adult smoking if they were exposed to electronic cigarette use at home or in advertisements, or if their friends and community members accept regular cigarette use by adults. Future research is needed to evaluate if including e-cigarettes in current clean indoor air policies, upholding high e-cigarette prices, and regulating e-cigarette advertising would lower youth exposure to e-cigarettes, and in turn, lower youth acceptability of adult smoking.

## Research

[Health-Related Behaviors by Urban-Rural County Classification — United States, 2013](#) – *MMWR*. **Key Findings:** CDC researchers analyzed 2013 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data to better understand differences between urban and rural Americans with regards to five health-related behaviors, including current non-smoking. Data indicates that adults living in rural counties were significantly less likely to be non-smoking than urban Americans, and were also less likely to achieve at least four of the five health-related behaviors measured. Study authors conclude that evidence-based strategies to improve the health behaviors of rural Americans should be implemented.

[Depressive Symptoms Predict Current E-Cigarette Use Among College Students in Texas](#) – *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*. **Key Findings:** A longitudinal survey of over 5,000 college students was conducted to examine the bi-directional relationships between e-cigarette use and depression. Survey data obtained at baseline, and at six-month and one-year follow-ups, indicate that e-cigarette use did not predict depressive symptoms, but depressive symptoms did predict e-cigarette use at both follow-up times. Authors call for additional studies to confirm these findings and assess possible mechanisms for causality.

[E-cigarette Use as a Predictor of Cigarette Smoking: Results from a 1-Year Follow-up of a National Sample of 12th Grade Students](#) – *Tobacco Control*. **Key Findings:** A nationally representative sample of American 12th grade students were surveyed once at baseline and once a year later to assess e-

cigarette smoking as a predictor of later cigarette smoking. Researchers found that students who reported recent e-cigarette use at baseline were 4.78 times more likely to report past-year cigarette use at follow-up compared to students who did not recently use e-cigarettes at the beginning of the study. Vaping did not predict smoking cessation among students who reported recent smoking at baseline. These results support an understanding of e-cigarette use as a predictor for future cigarette smoking among youth.

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