



TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Circulating Help Your Peers Requests

These are the current circulating Help Your Peers requests.

Print Material Delivery for Teens

Deadline: Mar. 10, 2017

Idaho is working on the development of youth tobacco prevention print materials for ages 13-18 and they would like to know which mode of delivery other states have used that resonates with that age group regarding tobacco prevention in a print form.

Encouraging Worksites to Adopt Smoke-Free Policies

Deadline: Mar. 20, 2017

Georgia is interested in learning more about what states are doing to encourage worksites to adopt smoke-free ordinances and policies.

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

Partner Announcements

[Preemption Information Webpage](#)

CounterTobacco.org

CounterTobacco.org launched a new page on their website explaining preemption and highlighting key resources for more information and guidance. Additionally, the page summarizes steps states and localities that are preempted can take as well as success stories of undoing preemption.

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***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

[1Day Stand Against Tobacco](#) – Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative
Mar. 15|*Save the Date*

[10th 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*

[Health Equity in Practice: Engaging African Americans in Tobacco Control Strategies](#) – NAATPN
Austin, TX
Mar. 21, 1-5 PM
CT|*Registration Required*

[2017 National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#)
Austin, TX
Mar. 22-24|*Registration Required*

[New Resources on Chemicals in Cigarettes](#)

FDA

FDA released new videos and interactive tools about the chemicals in tobacco. The information is presented in three stages, from plant to product to puff. The series presents chemicals found in tobacco in every stage of the product and its effects on human health. In addition to the videos, FDA offers images and quizzes on its webpage to further educate audiences on tobacco chemicals.

[Regulatory Guidance on HUD Smoke-Free Rule](#)

HUD

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a guidance document on its final HUD rule requiring smoke-free policies in public housing. The document overviews the rule and implementation requirements of public housing authorities. Additionally, the document provides guidance on enforcement steps, monitoring tools, resident engagement, and smoking cessation resources. Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights has published a [model policy](#) for public housing to support implementation of the rule.

[Updated 50 State Review of E-Cigarettes](#)

Tobacco Control Legal Consortium at the Public Health Law Center

An updated review of U.S. e-cigarette legislation in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. is now available, providing a snapshot as of Dec. 15, 2016. The review includes an interactive map as well as a downloadable PDF summarizing the data. This ongoing project was prepared by the Tobacco Control Legal Consortium (a program of the Public Health Law Center) and the Public Health and Tobacco Policy Center at Northeastern University.

[Call to Action for a Smoke-Free Atlanta Airport](#)

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights

In an effort to urge the city of Atlanta to adopt a 100 percent smoke-free indoor air policy, Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights is calling for supporters to send an email to the Atlanta City Council. This call to action comes in response to a plan to add a cigar bar to the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the busiest passenger airport in the

[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*

[No Menthol Sunday –](#)

NAATPN

May 28|*Save the Date*

[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|*Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

If you know of any tobacco-related funding opportunities that may appeal to a state and territorial tobacco control audience, please reach out to tcn@astho.org.

world. On the Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights website, individuals can use and modify template language to convey their support for a smoke-free airport.

[Resource for Pediatricians on Surgeon General's Report](#)
American Academy of Pediatrics Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence

American Academy of Pediatrics published a document titled, "Understanding the 2016 Surgeon General's Report on Youth and Electronic Cigarettes: What Clinicians Need to Know." This resource, geared toward pediatricians, summarizes the key findings of the report, provides recommendations for patient care, and includes links to related resources.

State News

[Lawmakers Propose Increased Penalties for Retailers Selling Tobacco to Minors \(UT\)](#) – *Desert News*. HB325, a bill that would increase fines and license suspensions to retailers caught selling tobacco products to minors, unanimously passed the House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee. "This bill gives more authority to our law enforcement officers dealing with this and gives them the ability to really address this growing problem," said Rep. Robert Spendlove (UT), the bill's sponsor.

[Minnesota Students Engage Lawmakers to Enact Tobacco 21 Legislation \(MN\)](#) – *Twin Cities Pioneer Press*. Nearly 300 students gathered at the Minnesota state capitol with ClearWay Minnesota's Smoke Free Generation coalition to persuade Minnesota lawmakers to raise the tobacco purchasing age to 21. Estimates show that this policy would prevent 30,000 Minnesota youth from smoking over 15 years. However, Rep. Matt Dean (MN), chairman of the House Health and Human Service Committee, has called this policy "controversial" and "drastic."

In the News

[Local Business Groups Increasingly in Support of Tobacco-Free Policies](#) – *Reuters Health*. Local level chambers of

Job Listings

[Health Systems Program Manager](#)
[Vermont Department of Health](#)
[Burlington, VT](#)

[Local Health Department Liaison Lead](#)
[Utah Department of Health](#)
[Salt Lake City, UT](#)

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

[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.

The TCN is a network of tobacco program managers and staff from state and territorial health departments as well as Funder's Alliance 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

commerce, including those in tobacco-producing states, are coming out in support of tobacco restrictions, due in part to an increasing awareness of the impact that tobacco use has on employers' healthcare costs. For example, the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce partnered with the local Blue Cross Blue Shield insurer to initiate a smoking cessation effort and encouraged more than 20 communities, home to about 1.4 million residents, to raise the tobacco purchase age to 21. Listen to the [TCN's Tobacco 21 podcast](#) to learn more about Kansas City's Tobacco 21 efforts.

[New Study Assesses Impact of CVS Removing Tobacco Products from Its Stores](#) – *CVS Health*. Research published in the [American Journal of Public Health](#) found that customers who once exclusively bought cigarettes at CVS were 38 percent more likely to stop buying cigarettes one year after CVS decided to stop selling tobacco products at its 9,700 retail stores. The study also found that customers who purchased three or more packs per month were more than twice as likely to stop buying cigarettes, and that CVS's decision to go tobacco-free was associated with a measurable impact on cigarette purchases in all retail settings.

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.



Research

[The Effects of Tobacco Control Policies on Retailer Sales to Minors in the USA, 2015](#) – *Tobacco Control*. **Key Findings:** Researchers analyzed data from nearly 137,000 compliance checks conducted by the FDA in 2015 to assess predictors of Retail Violation Rate for sale to minors (RVRm). Data indicates that each dollar increase in cigarette taxes was associated with a two percent reduction in RVRm, and a 10 percent increase in tobacco funding towards CDC recommendations was associated with a one percent reduction in RVRm. Study results support stronger tobacco control policies as a method to reduce youth access to tobacco products.

[Changes in Cigarette Expenditure Minimizing Strategies Before and After a Cigarette Tax Increase](#) – *Tobacco Control*. **Key Findings:** Data from the 2010 and 2014 Minnesota Adult Tobacco Survey was analyzed to determine

smokers' cigarette exposure minimizing strategies (CEMS) before and after a \$1.75 cigarette tax increase took effect in 2013. In 2014, more smokers rolled their own cigarettes, used other tobacco products, and bought cigarettes from cheaper retailers compared to 2010, while fewer smokers used coupons and bought cigarettes by the carton. Researchers also note that CEMS prevalence varied by sociodemographic status, with more socially disadvantaged smokers being more likely to continue smoking and utilize CEMS after the tax increase took effect.

[Use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Among Adolescents: Status of the Evidence and Public Health Recommendations](#) – *Pediatric Annals*. **Key Findings:** Study authors summarized seven position statements and recommendations on electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) and adolescents from leading health organizations (e.g., CDC, AAP, and AHA). Two themes emerged from these recommendations. First is the precautionary principle, which states in this case that adolescents should not be exposed to ENDS to prevent nicotine addiction and possible gateway use of combustible cigarettes. The second emerging theme is harm reductionism, which highlights that increased use of ENDS could pose fewer health problems if it results in a less cigarette use. The study notes that there is insufficient evidence to conclude that ENDS are an effective smoking cessation aid, or to fully understand the long-term health consequences of ENDS use.

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