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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Circulating Help Your Peers Request

This is the current circulating Help Your Peers request.

Collecting Policy Language from Public Housing Authorities

Deadline: August 1, 2017

Georgia is interested in strategies that states and partners have used to collect policy language from public housing authorities to determine if the policy is comprehensive and meets HUD's standard.

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

[New Chronic Disease Indicator \(CDI\) Data Available](#)

CDC

New CDI data is available from the CDC. This set of surveillance indicators provides public health professionals and policymakers access to uniformly defined, relevant, and up-to date chronic disease surveillance data at the state level. CDI data can be explored within 18 categories, including tobacco.

[Factsheet Outlining Menthol Policy Options](#)

ChangeLab Solutions

As local governments take action to restrict the sale of

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Upcoming Events

[Creating the Healthiest Nation: Climate Changes Health: APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo](#) – American Public Health Association
Atlanta, GA
Nov. 4-8|*Registration Required*

[Agents of Change Summit 2018: The Science and Technology of Behavior Change](#) – Rescue: The Behavior Change Agency
San Diego, CA
Feb. 12-13, 2018|*Registration Required*

[Clearing the Air: An Institute for Policy Advocacy, XI](#) – American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation
Ridgedale, MO
May 1-3, 2018|*Registration Required*

menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products, ChangeLab Solutions has created a [factsheet](#) to outline local policy options. A [model ordinance](#) from California is also available, which outlines language prohibiting all tobacco retailers from selling products with any taste or aroma other than tobacco.

[Free CME/CEUs Available for a Limited Time](#)

Smoking Cessation Leadership Center

As part of their Summer Collection Series, the Smoking Cessation Leadership Center is offering free Continuing Medical Education/Continuing Education credit for a special series of select past webinars related to tobacco. Webinar topics include the behavioral health population, pharmacotherapy, smoking and young adults, tobacco as a social justice issue, and more.

[Smoking Cessation Facebook Event](#)

CDC and NCI

CDC and the National Cancer Institute's Smokefree.gov partnered to create a 30-day quit smoking event on Facebook. The event, which started July 10 and runs until Aug. 9, provides an online community for those wanting to quit smoking. Those who RSVP get free access to resources such as mobile quit apps, tips, and video streams from experts.

[Warning Letter Sent to Tobacco Distributer](#)

FDA

FDA Center for Tobacco Products sent a warning letter to Kretek International for selling a variety of smokeless tobacco products, which violate sections under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. FDA determined that Kretek sold specific products without a marketing authorization order and misbranded others by not including a required statement on their product labels.

State News

The Tobacco Control Network uses this section to reflect the great work occurring across states and territories in tobacco control. We encourage you to share useful tobacco control

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.

Job Listings

[Assistant Director
Public Health and Tobacco
Policy Center
Boston, MA](#)

[Manager Tobacco Control
American Lung Association of
the Upper Midwest
Brookfield, WI](#)

[Tobacco Prevention and
Control Program Evaluation
Specialist
Alaska Department of Health
and Social Services
Anchorage, AK](#)

[Research Data Scientist
California Department of
Public Health
Sacramento, CA](#)

[Community Outreach
Specialist
Truth Initiative
Indianapolis, IN](#)

[Youth Activism Specialist
Truth Initiative
Washington, DC](#)

[Program Director 2
Tennessee Department of
Health
Nashville, TN](#)

About the Tobacco Control Network

The TCN's mission is to improve the public's health by providing education and state-

tools, programs, and resources your state has developed, as well as recent legislative achievements. If you would like to share your work, or nominate someone else to be recognized, please contact tcn@astho.org.

[SC Medicaid Offers Free Smoking Cessation Medication \(SC\)](#) – *Greenville Online*. South Carolina's Medicaid program began offering smoking cessation medication at no cost to its beneficiaries on July 1. The state offers those enrolled in the Healthy Connections Medicaid program an all-inclusive set of services to help them quit smoking.

[Oregon's Tobacco 21 Bill Awaits Governor's Signature \(OR\)](#) – *PR Newswire*. The Oregon Legislature passed a Tobacco 21 bill on July 6, following an amendment from the house to remove any language prohibiting under 21 possession of tobacco products. Gov. Kate Brown has expressed support of raising the minimum sales age to 21. With her support, the bill would go into effect on January 1, 2018.

[California Cigarette Sales Decline Post-Tax \(CA\)](#) – *The Mercury News*. Early data suggests that California's cigarette tax hike in April has led to a significant decline in cigarette sales. Cigarette pack distributions dropped 56 percent in the two months following the increased tax. If the cigarette tax revenues continue to come in lower than anticipated, the state may need to find an alternative revenue source.

[New Quit Smoking Mobile App \(CA\)](#) – *California Smokers' Helpline*. California Smokers' Helpline has announced a new, free quit smoking app for iPhone. The app, No Butts, provides personalized quit plans, information about effective quitting aids, smoking trigger logs, and motivational reminders. It is available for [download](#) from the Apple Store and will be available for Android devices in the future.

In the News

[House Panel Attempts to Exempt E-Cigarettes from FDA Deeming Rule](#) – *Associated Press*. The House Appropriations Committee approved legislation that would prevent FDA from requiring retroactive premarket reviews of

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 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.



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e-cigarettes, as well as some premium and large cigars. The legislation was attached to legislation funding FDA's budget for the fiscal year starting in October.

[WHO Explores Indoor Vaping Arguments](#) – *World Health Organization*. As governments consider policies to restrict e-cigarettes, WHO recommends they also define where vaping may occur. In an issue of the *Bulletin*, authors explore arguments for and against extending indoor smoke-free laws to also include vaping. They conclude that central and local governments should adopt regulations that designate smoke-free areas as vape-free areas.

[Policy Recommendations for Addressing LGBT Smoking Disparities](#) – *UIC News Center*. In a new [paper](#) published in the *Society of Behavioral Medicine*, researchers detail a position statement on how the disparity between LGBT and heterosexual smokers can be reduced through five policy recommendations. The policy brief will be presented to policymakers on Capitol Hill in the fall to inform on the importance of closing the gap between research and policy translation.

Research

[Smoking Cessation in Severe Mental Ill Health: What Works? An Updated Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis](#) – *BMC Psychiatry*. **Key Findings:** Researchers reviewed 26 trials of pharmacological and behavioral interventions to evaluate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of smoking cessation and reduction in adults with severe mental health conditions. The study looked at inpatient and outpatient settings. Research findings highlight that bupropion and varenicline have been found effective helping people with severe mental illness quit smoking. Authors found that pooled results of smoking cessation programs showed no evidence of cessation benefit in the medium- or long-term.

[Maternal Smoking During Pregnancy and Offspring Antisocial Behaviour: Findings from a Longitudinal Investigation of Discordant Siblings](#) – *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*. **Key Findings:** This study evaluated the causality of maternal smoking during

pregnancy on offspring adolescent and adult antisocial behavior through participant self-reports and official records searches. A subset of participants (average age=39.6 years) enrolled in a follow-up study of families with multiple siblings. Researchers assessed self-reported juvenile and adult antisocial behaviors through structured interviews (n=1684) and analyzed records of juvenile (n=3447) and adult (n=3433) criminal behavior. The study found that maternal smoking during pregnancy was associated with a range of antisocial behaviors, including increased odds of elevated levels of antisocial behaviors during adolescence and adulthood, with violent and non-violent outcomes during both developmental periods.

[The Role of Nicotine Dependence in E-Cigarettes' Potential for Smoking Reduction](#) – *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*.

Key Findings: Researchers assessed the relationship between e-cigarette and cigarette use frequency among young adults (aged 19-23) over a four-year period. The authors found that young adults with high nicotine dependence who had ever used e-cigarettes had less frequent concurrent cigarette use. However, non-nicotine dependent e-cigarette users smoked cigarettes slightly more frequently than those who had never used e-cigarettes. Additionally, half of e-cigarette users reported using them to quit smoking; e-cigarette use frequency was not associated with reductions in future cigarette smoking. The authors conclude that while e-cigarettes could be a cessation method among nicotine dependent young adult cigarette smokers, they should be discouraged among new tobacco users who are not nicotine dependent.

[Mass Media Interventions for Preventing Smoking in Young People](#) – *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*. **Key**

Findings: Researchers assess the effects of mass media interventions on youth smoking prevention by conducting a review of literature. Eight eligible studies were identified; three of the studies found that mass media interventions reduced youth smoking behavior, while the other five studies did not detect a significant effect. Researchers found that successful campaigns lasted at least three years and had more contact time in schools and via media, with a combination of school-based components and repetitive messages across multiple media channels also contributing

to success. Authors conclude that it is challenging to determine the effects of mass media on youth smoking and call for methodologically rigorous studies on the effect of social media and new technology as part of youth prevention campaigns.

[Disgust but Not Health Anxiety Graphic Warning Labels Reduce Motivated Attention in Smokers: a Study of P300 and Late Positive Potential Responses](#) – *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*.

Key Findings: To assess the impact of graphic health warning labels that promote anxiety and disgust, researchers analyzed electroencephalograph (EEG) measures of motivated attention among groups with high and low cigarette dependence (n=61). Authors found that disgust-focused labels reduced motivated attentional processing, while anxiety-focused labels increased the salience of the smoking cue. Researchers conclude that disgust-based graphic warning labels may reduce motivated attention to smoking cues, a potential target for cessation efforts.

