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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

CN Announcements

- The TCN Executive Committee is pleased to launch a new format for TCN News! The new TCN News will provide the same content in a more brief and user-friendly design.
- Program managers and Funders Alliance leads should be sure to complete the brief survey last emailed on Aug. 28 to help TCN assess its implementation of the [2016-2019 Strategic Map](#).
- Program managers and Funders Alliance leads are encouraged to vote in the election of the 2017-2018 TCN Executive Committee. A ballot was emailed on Sep. 11 and will remain open until Sep. 22, 9 p.m. ET. Please reach out to tcn@astho.org with any questions or to receive a link to the ballot.
- Program managers and Funders Alliance leads are invited to sign into [TCN Forum](#), a password protected section of the TCN website. Please see the [Forum How-To Guide](#) for more information.
- Please submit state and territorial tobacco control news, successes, and resources to tcn@astho.org so they can be featured in an upcoming TCN News.

*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

[The Power of Partnerships: Behavioral Health and Public Health Working Together to Combat Smoking in Kentucky](#) – Smoking Cessation Leadership Center, National Behavioral Health Network, and American Lung Association
1-2 PM ET, Sep. 19|*Registration Required*

[From Canada to California: Building Momentum on Menthol Restrictions](#) – Public Health Law Center
12:30-2 PM ET, Sep. 20|*Registration Required*

[Creating & Sustaining Community-Clinical Linkages for Tobacco Cessation](#) – LGBT HealthLink
2-3 PM ET, Sep. 20|*Registration Required*

Partner Announcements

- A **CDC QuickStats** report on 2016 data shows that 15.4 percent of adults 18 and older have used an e-cigarette and 3.2 percent currently use e-cigarettes.
- **FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb and Center for Tobacco Products** director Mitch Zeller published a [letter](#) in the *New England Journal of Medicine* overviewing their perspective on a nicotine-reduction framework for tobacco regulation.
- **Truth Initiative** released a documentary-style [campaign](#) that examines tobacco industry targeting of the military and adults with mental health conditions as a social justice issue.
- The **African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council** released an [archived webinar](#) about the consequences of predatory marketing of menthol cigarettes in the African-American community.
- **Counter Tools** launched the [Counter Tobacco Podcast](#) with a pilot episode about the history of tobacco control efforts related to point of sale advertising.
- **FDA** released a [database](#) with an interactive map that can be used to see the results of the compliance check inspections that FDA conducts of local tobacco retailers.
- **The Agents of Change Summit**, which will take place on Feb. 12-13, in San Diego, CA, is [seeking abstracts](#) for presentations, including those with a focus on a behavior change programs related tobacco prevention and cessation. Applications are due Oct. 2.
- **NCI** released a [monograph](#) that details tobacco-related health disparities and explores implications for future research and implementation of effective interventions.
- The Reduce Tobacco Use Conference hosted by the **Virginia Foundation for Health** is [accepting abstracts](#) through October 20 for the conference taking place on Apr. 8-11, 2018.

[Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators? Tobacco](#) – Healthy People 2020
12-1 PM ET, Sep.
21|*Registration Required*

[The Intersection of Tobacco, E-Cigarettes, and Marijuana Use](#) – National Behavioral Health Network
2-3:30 PM ET, Sep.
25|*Registration Required*

[Research on Health Impacts of E-cigarettes & What We Should All Know](#) – Counter Tools
12-1 PM ET, Sep.
28|*Registration Required*

[Finding New Financing for Tobacco Cessation & Cancer Prevention Efforts](#) – National Behavioral Health Network
3-4 PM ET, Oct.
11|*Registration Required*

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

[Smoking Cessation and Reduction in Pregnancy Treatment \(SCRIPT®\) Training Workshop](#) – Society for Public Health Education
Washington, DC
Dec. 4|*Register Now*

[It's About a Billion Lives](#) – University of California San Francisco
San Francisco, CA
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM PT, Feb. 2, 2018|*Save the Date*

[Agents of Change Summit 2018: The Science and Technology of Behavior Change](#) – Rescue: The Behavior Change Agency

State News

- Mayor of **New York City** Bill de Blasio [signed](#) a series of seven tobacco control bills addressing issues such as minimum prices, tobacco retail density, and tobacco sales in pharmacies.
- A federal judge in **California** [ruled](#) in favor of Reynolds American, Inc. in a lawsuit claiming public harm from the potentially carcinogenic content of e-cigarette vapor.

In the News

- CEO of Philip Morris International Andre Calantzopoulos [expressed support](#) of FDA's recently announced plan to explore reduction of nicotine levels in cigarettes.
- In response to a recent [CDC report](#), leading health organizations [sent](#) a letter to film industry leaders urging an R rating be assigned to any movie that depicts smoking or tobacco.
- A [recent study](#) examining data on hospitalizations of smokers with heart disease [reported](#) that only 23 percent received a prescription for cessation aids, with wide variation by hospital.
- A [study](#) of 2,542 older adults [reported](#) that current smokers (but not past smokers) were at a significantly increased risk of frailty compared to non-smokers.

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*

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.

[2017 Tobacco-Free College Program for Community Colleges and Minority-Serving Institutions](#)

Deadline: Oct. 11

Truth Initiative is launching its new Tobacco-Free College Program, which offers 17-month grants of up to \$20,000 to community colleges and minority-serving institutions to adopt a 100 percent tobacco-free college policy. Grantees receive guidance through webinars, learning communities, and one-on-one consultations throughout the grant period.

Job Listings

[Tobacco Control Policy Educator](#)
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Lincoln, NE

[Health Program Coordinator](#)
Monterey County Health Department
Salinas, CA

[Analyst IV](#)
California Department of

Research

- A [double-blind trial](#) published in *JAMA Psychiatry* looked at 169 smokers and determined that reducing nicotine content in cigarettes could decrease the addiction potential of cigarettes in populations vulnerable to cigarette smoking (e.g., those with psychiatric disorders).
- An [analysis](#) published in *Epidemiology* examined neighborhood-level cigarette prices, smoking regulations in bars and restaurants, and study data on individual smokers. Findings suggest that a \$1 increase in cigarette prices is associated with a three percent lower smoking risk and a 20 percent increase in smoking cessation.
- A study published in *Tobacco Control* looked at [geocoding](#) of tobacco retailers and housing programs for patients with mental health conditions in New York City and found that on average, 2.9 tobacco retailers are located within 500 feet of these housing programs, and that retailers' density varies significantly by borough.
- An [analysis](#) of Veteran Affairs data on transgender patients published in *Medical Care* found that rural residence is correlated with a 39 percent increased odds of tobacco use disorder compared to urban transgender veterans.
- In a *PLOS One Study*, researchers [analyzed](#) data from three different national health surveys and found that most U.S. smokers underestimate the risks of cigarette smoking, and concluded that smoking rates could be lowered if the public had a more accurate perception of smoking risks.
- A *Psychological Bulletin* [meta-analysis](#) of adolescent peer influence on smoking initiation and continuation found that having peers who smoke is associated with nearly twice the odds of starting to smoke, or continuing to smoke.

[Public Health
Sacramento, CA](#)

[Advocacy Manager
American Lung Association in
California
Chico or Redding, CA](#)

[Advocacy Manager
American Lung Association in
California
Fresno or Bakersfield, CA](#)

[Policy Coordinator
American Lung Association in
California
Sacramento, CA](#)

[Legislative Assistant
American Lung Association in
California
Sacramento, CA](#)

[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-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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