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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

From the Executive Committee

- The TCN Executive Committee signed onto a Truth Initiative letter to Walgreens encouraging them to stop selling tobacco products in their pharmacies.

TCN Announcements

- On Jan. 23, TCN convened their first webinar of 2018, "How States Can Amplify Tobacco Industry Corrective Statements." Slides and a full video recording of this webinar will be made available in the coming weeks on the TCN website and in TCN News.
- Nominate your state or territorial tobacco control program manager to be featured as a tobacco control leader on the TCN website and in a future TCN News by reaching out to tcn@astho.org.
- Program managers and Funders Alliance leads are encouraged to join the [TCN Forum](#), a password-protected section of the TCN website, to engage in dialogue and share new resources with colleagues. Please see the [Forum guide](#) and [How-To video](#) for more information.

*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

[Nicotine Cessation Services Access Workgroup Introduction and Update](#) – National Native Network and Indian Health Service
Jan. 31, 3-4 PM
ET|Registration Required

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

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

- ASTHO recently released the [ASTHO Profile of State and Territorial Public Health, Vol. 4](#), which details the results of the 2016 ASTHO Profile Survey. The report, which includes a general overview of agency activities, structure, and resources, found that 84 percent of state health agencies performed tobacco prevention services and 88 percent of state health agencies provided training to local health department personnel on tobacco control. For more information or to request additional data, please contact ASTHO's [survey research](#) team.

Circulating Help Your Peers Request

Cessation Trainings for People with Developmental Disabilities

Deadline: Jan. 30

Vermont is interested to hear from other states to see if anyone has done or knows of good trainings geared to people with developmental disabilities, specifically in providing peer support for cessation.

Youth Engagement Program Development Facilitator

Deadline: Feb. 6

Massachusetts is looking for a facilitator to help them re-vision their youth engagement program, [The 84](#). The process would include steps such as developing a new mission and vision, assessing infrastructure and reach, and incorporating racial equity and social justice into programming – essentially an overall program development plan. They are looking to see if any other states have recommendations for a facilitator/contractor to help them with this process.

If you have any information to share or know someone who

[The Virginia Conference on Youth Tobacco Use: Translating Research into Practice and Policy](#) – Virginia Youth Tobacco Projects Research Coalition
Richmond, VA
Mar. 21-22|*Registration Required*

[13th National Reduce Tobacco Use Conference](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
Norfolk, VA
Apr. 10-11, 2018|*Registration Required*

[NatCon 2018 Conference](#) – National Council for Behavioral Health
National Harbor, MD
Apr. 23-25|*Registration Required*

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

[APHA 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo](#) – American Public Health Association
San Diego, CA
Nov. 10-14|*Save the Date*

Funding Opportunities

[Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative \(TFGCI\) Grant Program](#)

Revised Deadline: Jan. 31

The American Cancer Society Center for Tobacco Control launched a third request for proposals for the TFGCI grant program to provide grants to accelerate and expand the adoption and implementation of 100 percent smoke- and tobacco-free policies on college and university

does, please reply to tcn@astho.org and we will forward your response to the person who submitted the request.

Partner Announcements

- **FDA** [published](#) new language clarifying the regulation of certain tobacco products as medical devices and also [extended](#) the public comment period for Philip Morris' iQOS Modified Risk Tobacco Product applications.
- [Abstract submissions](#) to the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) section of the **American Public Health Association** [2018 Annual Meeting & Expo](#) are due on Feb. 19.
- **Truth Initiative** published a [report](#), "Menthol and flavor policies: Lessons from the field" that provides a thorough overview of policy strategies available to reduce menthol tobacco use at the municipal level.
- A new [model](#) jointly developed by **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids**, the **American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network**, and **Tobacconomics** estimates projected state tax revenues, public health benefits, and healthcare cost savings associated from cigarette tax increases at the state level.
- **CDC** announced that updated data on municipal level data on tobacco use and other chronic disease risk factors and outcomes are now available on the [500 Cities](#) interactive mapping tool.

campuses across the nation. This initiative, supported by the CVS Health Foundation, is part of their #BeTheFirst initiative, a five-year, \$50 million commitment to deliver the first tobacco-free generation.

[PAR-17-218 – U.S. Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities \(R21\)](#)

Deadline: Jun. 15, 2020

NIH published an open funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to support observational or intervention research focused on reducing health disparities in tobacco use in the United States. The FOA is intended to stimulate scientific inquiry focused on innovative tobacco control policies.

Job Listings

[Media Library Professional 3
UC Davis Medical Center
Sacramento, CA](#)

[Advertising Specialist
UC Davis Medical Center
Sacramento, CA](#)

[Health Educator II – Tobacco
Prevention and Education
Program Coordinator
Deschutes County Department
of Health Services
Bend, OR](#)

[Program Associate, Youth
Advocacy
Campaign for Tobacco-Free
Kids
Washington, D.C.](#)

[Director, Youth Leadership
Development
Truth Initiative
Washington, D.C.](#)

[Senior Community Activism
Manager
Truth Initiative
Washington, D.C.](#)

- The Smoke Free Movies initiative of the **University of California, San Francisco** has a new [visual advertisement](#) available for free educational use.

State News

- The Alliance for a Healthier **Indiana**—a group composed of hospitals, business, and other stakeholders—is [supporting](#) a state bill that will repeal a prohibition of employers from screening job candidates for tobacco use.
- State Sen. Howie Morales (NM) [proposed](#) a bill to increase **New Mexico's** state cigarette tax by \$1.50 and establish equivalent taxes on other tobacco products to increase revenue for public schools.
- As a result of a press conference convened by the student group Dover Youth to Youth, state Sen. David Watters (NH) is [co-sponsoring](#) legislation to increase the tobacco product purchase age in **New Hampshire** to 21.
- The U.S. Supreme Court [declined](#) to hear an appeal of a lower court ruling that awarded \$825,000 to the family of a **Florida** woman who died of smoking-related illness.

In the News

- The market share for Juul e-cigarette products continues to [increase](#), with the company's products constituting 46.8 percent of U.S. e-cigarette sales in

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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

Dec. 30, 2017, as compared to 40 percent on Dec. 2.

- A [study](#) of nearly 332,000 Swedish construction workers [published](#) in *The Spine Journal* found that heavy smokers were 46 percent more likely than nonsmokers to have spinal surgery over a period of approximately three decades.
- British American Tobacco [announced](#) that recent changes to the U.S. tax code would result in a six percent increase in share earnings, which the company plans to invest in electronic smoking devices.

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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Research

- CDC published two *MMWR* articles on tobacco use prevalence. The first details the use of tobacco use among [veterans](#), finding that 29.2 percent of veterans currently use a tobacco product. The second report found that as of 2016, 15.5 percent of all U.S. [adults](#) reported being current cigarette smokers, with sociodemographic disparities in smoking prevalence persisting.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [modeling](#) of employment data and smoke-free air policies from 1990 to 2015 found that there was a small but statistically significant positive association between the population covered by smoke-free bar and restaurant policies and bar and restaurant employment.
- An [analysis](#) of globally sourced data from 77 countries published in *Tobacco Control* concluded that implementing a point of sale cigarette advertising ban

nationwide is associated with a seven percent reduction in a country's adult smoking rate.

- A [phone survey](#) of 4,337 adults published in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* found that a majority of Americans support nationwide policies to reduce nicotine in cigarettes and ban candy and fruit flavors in e-cigarettes and little cigars or cigarillos, while a majority of Americans do not support a menthol ban in cigarettes.

