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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

A Letter from the Chair

Dear TCN Members,

We are excited to share that in the next few weeks that we will be launching a brand new website for the TCN with the new TCN logo!

This new website will have an updated state directory and a password protected section for us to access information that is available only to TCN members. We are also identifying helpful tools for new TCN members to be included on the website. We will release the information on the new website soon! Stay tuned! Note that because we are busy preparing for the new website that the current [TCN website](#) is no longer being updated. The information on the current website remains available to you as a source of historical information.

Thank you for your continued support of the Help Your Peers program. If you request that a question is posed to the TCN, the staff at ASTHO will compile all the responses and send them to you. Please feel free to email your questions to TCN@astho.org. To ensure that your email communication is received by the TCN, please delete the following email addresses from your records:

*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

[Webinar: Women and Tobacco: Why Gender Matters!](#)

– HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative (TFCCI)

May 20 | 2:00-3:00 PM ET

[Webinar: Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators? A Focus on Tobacco Cessation Interventions for LGBT](#)

[Populations](#) – Healthy People 2020

May 21 | 12:00-1:00 PM ET

tcnlist@emory.edu and TCN@sph.emory.edu.

Starting on June 1st, emails sent to those addresses will bounce back to the sender. Please update your records to reflect that **the correct email address to reach the TCN is [TCN @astho.org](mailto:TCN@astho.org)**.

If you have any information that you would like to have included in an upcoming issues of the TCN News or have suggestions on the format, please contact [Diana Karczmarczyk](#).

Best,

Miranda Spitznagle
TCN Chair

Help Your Peers

These are the current circulating Help Your Peers requests.

Enforcement of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) Youth Sales Restrictions

Deadline: May 14, 2015

Vermont is one of many states that bans the sale of electronic nicotine delivery systems (tobacco substitutes in our statute) to minors. However, we do not have additional funding or staff to add tobacco substitute compliance checks, and our state inspections count toward our Synar and FDA requirements. In addition, Vermont does not define ENDS as tobacco products, so the enforcement of such is not part of our Synar checks. Have other states successfully integrated ENDS into their Synar program requirements or FDA inspection program?

[The FDA Science Forum](#) – FDA

May 27-28, 2015; *Register by May 15th.*

[Electronic Cigarettes and the Public Health: Third Public Workshop](#) – FDA Center for Tobacco Products

June 1-2, 2015; *Register by May 20th.*

[14th Annual Mid-Year Training Institute](#) – Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)

August 2-6, 2015

[2015 Geographic Health Equity Symposium](#) – Tulane

University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
September 10-11, 2015; *Pre-registration is required.*

Funding Opportunities

[Tobacco Retail Compliance - Indian Tribes](#)

Deadline: May 26, 2015. The FDA intends to award sole source contracts to Indian Tribes for tobacco retail compliance check inspections.

[Tobacco Regulatory Science Small Grant Program for New Investigators \(R03\)](#)

Deadline: August 20, 2015. The purpose of this FOA is to

State Medicaid Coverage for Individual Counseling for Parents during Pediatrician Visits

Deadline: May 19, 2015

The Vermont Department of Health's Tobacco Program is seeking information regarding state Medicaid coverage for individual counseling -- *for pediatrician use in counseling the (Medicaid beneficiary) partners of their patients.*

During the first two years of a baby's life, there are several well-child visits providing ample opportunity to educate and promote quitting with parents/caregivers. Vermont Medicaid approved use of individual and group counseling codes with Medicaid beneficiaries beginning January 2014.

Have any states either discussed this opportunity with their Medicaid office or successfully implemented this protocol?

Advertisement Examples to Youth

Deadline: May 27, 2015

The Pennsylvania Department of Health Tobacco Prevention and Control Program is looking for any 30-second radio ads with a focus on cigarettes that targets kids or store clerks about not selling tobacco to kids under 18. The call to action should be (something similar to) "DON'T try to BUY IF YOU'RE UNDER 18" or "Don't sell cigarettes or tobacco products to youth under 18". The ad could be audio or possibly a rap or coffee house type of song.

If you have any information to share or can connect us with someone who does, please reply to tcn@astho.org. We will connect you with the person who submitted the request and/or compile all the answers provided and share them with the requestor.

support New Investigators in the biomedical, behavioral, and social sciences who are in the early stages of establishing independent careers in tobacco regulatory research.

Job listings

[Associate Health Program Adviser, California Tobacco Control Program](#)
[California Department of Public Health](#)
[Sacramento, CA](#)

[Health Program Specialist II, California Tobacco Control Program](#)
[California Department of Public Health](#)
[Sacramento, CA](#)

[Health Program Specialist I, California Tobacco Control Program](#)
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[Health and Human Resources Program Manager 2, Public Health and Health Promotion West Virginia Bureau for Public Health](#)
[Charleston, WV](#)

Partner Announcements

[Legacy Provides Grants to U.S. Public Community Colleges to Support Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Campus Policies](#)

– *Legacy*. Legacy is offering grants to public community colleges across the country to support efforts to advocate for, adopt, and implement a 100% smoke-free or 100% tobacco-free policy. Grants are \$5,000/year, with up to two years of funding. Applications are due on August 6, 2015.

[FDA Announcements](#) – *FDA*. The FDA Center for Tobacco Products denied a Citizen Petition from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and American Snuff Company, LLC to change a smokeless tobacco warning statement. FDA also issued a [draft guidance](#) regarding FDA's authority to issue a No-Tobacco-Sale Order (NTSO).

[Creating a Legacy of Tobacco Free HBCUs](#) – *Legacy*. Legacy and eight national partners launched the [Tobacco-Free HBCU Campus Initiative](#), a novel effort led to former U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin to engage all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) throughout the U.S. to develop and implement a comprehensive smoke- or tobacco-free campus policy. More information [here](#).

State News

[Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Goes Smoke Free](#) (SD) -- The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (CRST) is the first tribe in South Dakota to go smoke-free. On May 5, 2015, the CRST Tribal Council officially approved the reservation's Smoke-Free Air Act prohibiting smoking and the use of e-cigarettes in all indoor public places and workplaces.

[Governor Fallin Signs Bill to Ban Tobacco from School Campuses](#) (OK) – Governor Mary Fallin signed House bill 1685 or the “24/7 Tobacco-Free Schools Act”, requiring all

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.

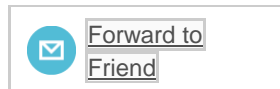
The TCN is managed by the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#) (ASTHO) on behalf of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

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.

Oklahoma schools to be tobacco-free. Tobacco use of any kind will not be allowed on school grounds, in school vehicles, and at any school-sponsored or school-sanctioned event or activity.

[Crescent City Passes New Laws](#) (CA) – Crescent City Council passed two new ordinances restricting the location of new tobacco and alcohol retailers (or current retailers expanding their business), requiring them to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). These laws will go into effect on May 20, 2015 and include conditions such as reduced window advertising, state law requirements, and product placement.



In the News

[CVS Health Reports Record First Quarter Results per Removal of Tobacco Products](#) – *PR Newswire*. Net revenues for the company increased by 11.1% to \$3.6 billion since March 31, 2015. The Retail Pharmacy Segment was positively impacted by increased sales, an improved front store margin rate largely driven by the removal of tobacco products and favorable purchasing economics.

[NAQC MDS ENDS Workgroup](#) – *NAQC*. The North American Quitline Consortium (NAQC) announced the creation of the NAQC Minimal Data Set (MDS) workgroup on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), per findings from their November 2014 report [Cessation Treatment and E-Cigarettes](#). The workgroup will focus on developing standard questions to assess e-cigarette use, reason for use, amount and frequency of use, and intention to quit by August 1, 2015.

[Liquid Nicotine Safety Resources | Prevent Child Injury](#) – *CSN*. Prevent Child Injury created a [Liquid Nicotine Safety Resources](#) toolkit to address liquid nicotine (used in e-cigarettes) poisoning in children. The toolkit contains a user guide, project materials

developed by Prevent Child Injury members, a compilation of existing resources, and a list of spokespeople who are leaders in the field.

Research

[Correlates of Hookah Use and Predictors of Hookah Trial in U.S. Young Adults](#) – *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. **Key**

Findings: Significant predictors of hookah trial include college enrollment; alcohol, marijuana, and cigarette use; and perceptions that hookah is less harmful than cigarettes.

[A Multistate Asian-Language Tobacco Quitline: Addressing a Disparity in Access to Care](#) – *American Journal of Public Health*.

Key Findings: Based on a sample of three Asian-language-speaking communities in California, Colorado, and Hawaii, a total of 2,004 smokers called for state cessation services, with 88.3% opting for counseling. The intervention protocol, based on an efficacy trial, was successfully translated into a multistate service and further disseminated.

[Why Do Smokers Try to Quit Without Medication or Counseling? A Qualitative Study with Ex-Smokers](#) – *BMJ*. **Key Findings:** New

explanations were produced as to why smokers quit unassisted: 1) prioritization of lay knowledge gained directly and indirectly from personal experience and peers, 2) evaluation of costs and benefits of quitting unassisted, 3) belief that quitting is a personal responsibility, and 4) perception that quitting unassisted is the “right” or “better” choice in terms of self-identify or self-image.

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