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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## Partner Announcements

### [Tobacco Cessation State Stories and Resources](#)

*American Lung Association*

A series of webinars, [reports, and factsheets](#) about tobacco cessation are available on the ALA website. The website also includes a recording of the "[Medicaid Tobacco Cessation Coverage in Oklahoma: A Panel Discussion on Leveraging Systems and Partnerships](#)" webinar held on May 29.

### [FDA issues Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Nicotine Exposure Warnings and Child-Resistant Packaging](#)

*FDA Center for Tobacco Products*

FDA is seeking comments, data, research, and/or other information related to nicotine exposure warnings and child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine, nicotine-containing e-liquid(s), and potentially for other tobacco products including, but not limited to novel tobacco products such as dissolvables, lotions, gels, and drinks. Comments must be submitted [online](#) by Aug. 31.

### [Legacy is Recruiting for its Youth Activism Fellowship Program](#)

*Legacy*

*Legacy* is recruiting 18-24 year olds for its 12-month fellowship program. Selected fellows will receive training in tobacco policy and advocacy from public health officials. Each fellow will also have the opportunity to develop and present a project on tobacco control.

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## Upcoming Events

[Biomarkers of Tobacco Exposure: A Public Workshop](#)  
– FDA  
Aug. 3-4 | [Register by July 10](#)

[NAQC Conference: The Future of Quitlines, Refining and Redefining Our Practices for Success](#) – North America  
Quitline Consortium  
Aug. 17-18, 2015 | [Register by Aug. 10](#)

[2015 Kick-Off Meeting Reception](#) – Tobacco Control Network  
Aug. 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.,

Applications for the 2015-2016 cohort are due July 31.

[The Society for Public Health Education \(SOPHE\) Awarded Pfizer Grant for Smoking Cessation Program](#)

**SOPHE**

Pfizer Independent Grants for Learning and Change awarded SOPHE a two-year grant to implement their evidence based program: [The Smoking Cessation and Reduction in Pregnancy Treatment](#) (SCRIPT). The program is nationally recognized as one of the most successful interventions for smoking cessation during pregnancy. SOPHE will partner with three clinics in Washington, DC to implement the program.

### State News

[North Carolina Regulates E-cigarette Packaging.](#) (NC) On June 25, North Carolina Senate unanimously approved a bill requiring e-liquids to be sold in child proof packaging. Several North Carolina based cigarette companies support this bill, which is waiting to be signed into law by Governor Pat McCrory.

[Liquid Nicotine Manufacturers Fined In New York.](#) (NY) In 2014, New York legislature passed a bill requiring e-liquids to be sold in child resistant packaging following the death of a child from liquid nicotine poisoning. New York state won a settlement against four liquid nicotine manufacturers that sold e-liquid in packaging that was not child proof. The e-liquid manufacturers were fined \$95,000 and required to remove e-liquid products that were not child resistant from New York stores.

### In the News

[Smokers May Have Undiagnosed Lung Disease](#) – France24. A [study](#) recently published in *JAMA* concludes that approximately

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[2015 National Conference on Tackling Tobacco Use in Vulnerable Populations](#) – Danyain Institute  
Oct. 5-6, 2015 | *Register by Aug. 3*

[Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training](#) – Rutgers, Center for Tobacco Studies & The Division of Addiction Psychiatry  
Oct. 5-9, 2015 | *Registration Required*

[Counter Tools User Conference and Training Institute](#) – Counter Tools  
Oct. 19-2, 2015 | *Register by September 1*

[12th National Reduce Tobacco Use Conference](#) - Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention Connections  
April 25-26, 2016 | *Registration Required*

### Job listings

[Epidemiology Specialist II \(Lead Tobacco Prevention Evaluator\)](#)  
[Alaska Health & Social Services](#)  
[Anchorage, AK](#)

[Program Coordinator - Wellness & Prevention](#)  
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55% of current smokers that passed normal lung function tests may show early signs of respiratory illness such as chronic pulmonary obstruction and emphysema. "We hope these findings will help debunk the myth of the healthy smoker and highlight the importance of smoking prevention and cessation to prevent lung disease and other long-term effects of smoking." says Elizabeth Regan, lead author of the paper.

[Teens Think E-cigarettes and Marijuana are Less Harmful than Cigarettes.](#) – *Reuter*. Stanford University conducted a [small study](#) on the perception and knowledge of teens about e-cigarettes, traditional cigarettes, and marijuana. The majority of teens believed that e-cigarettes and marijuana are less harmful than traditional cigarettes based on information they received from peers, school and media.

[Children Exposed to Second-Hand Smoke from Parents](#) – *Medical News Today*. Data from the 2010-2011 Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey found only 60.1% of smoking adults with children adopted a voluntary smoke-free household. This study also found children in lower income households are more likely to be exposed to second-hand smoke within their house.

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## Research

[A Study of Pyrazines in Cigarettes and How Additives Might be Used to Enhance Tobacco Addiction](#) – *Tobacco Control*.

**Key Findings:** Although tobacco companies advertise "light cigarettes" as being less harmful, pyrazine is added which enhances nicotine addiction by optimizing the delivery of nicotine and enhancing user sensory cues. The researchers recommend adapting current tobacco addiction models to include additives like pyrazine.

[When a Ban Really is Not a Ban: Internet Loopholes and Djarrum](#)

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[Flavored Cigarettes in the USA](#) – *Tobacco Control*.

**Key Findings:** Although a cigarette flavor ban was enacted in 2009, an internet search for the terms “Djarum cigars” and “Djarum cigarettes” resulted in 72% of websites promoting and 34% of websites selling the flavored cigarettes.

**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.

Staff support is provided to the TCN by the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#) (ASTHO) on behalf of the CDC’s Office on Smoking and Health.

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