



TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Reminder: TCN Executive Committee Election

Program and Funders Alliance managers:

Please remember to cast your vote for the 2015-2016 TCN Executive Committee Election **by Oct. 15 at 11:59 p.m.**

EDT. Each agency has one vote in the elections. The ballot was emailed to each of you on Sep. 15 and will take less than two minutes to complete.

Circulating Help Your Peers Request

This is the current circulating Help Your Peers request.

Deadline: October 2, 2015

The community education colleagues at MD Anderson Cancer Center are in need of peer-reviewed, tobacco prevention programs, curricula or peer education initiatives targeting youth in grades K-12. We are specifically not looking for school-based programs, but ideally, programs that can be incorporated into a community setting (i.e., after school programs, faith-based groups, summer programs, etc.). Again, these must be peer reviewed/evidence-based.

There are two ways to respond to this request. You can either email TCN@astho.org with your response or you may schedule a call to discuss this information. If you prefer to share your information with us through a call, please contact:

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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 on E-cigarettes and Point of Sale Tobacco Control](#) – CounterTobacco.org, ChangeLab Solutions
Sep. 25, 1 p.m. | *Save the Date*

[Webinar on Create Change! Student Leadership in Promoting Tobacco-Free College Campuses](#) – Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative
Sep. 27, 7 p.m. | *Registration Required*

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

[Tobacco and Nicotine Harm Reduction Dialogue](#) – Institute for Environmental Negotiation
Oct. 22-23 | *Save the Date*

[Getting Started at Point of Sale](#)

Partner Announcements

[FDA Enforces Policy for Tobacco Products Found Not Substantially Equivalent](#)

FDA Center for Tobacco Products

On Sep. 14, FDA released a guidance document directed at the tobacco industry and retailers entitled [“Enforcement Policy for Certain \(Provisional\) Tobacco Products that FDA Finds Not Substantially Equivalent.”](#) One day after the release, [FDA enforced the guidelines](#) by restricting the sale, distribution, and marketing of four R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company cigarette products – Camel Crush Bold, Pall Mall Deep Set Recessed Filter, Pall Mall Deep Set Recessed Filter Menthol, and Vantage Tech 13 – because these products were deemed not substantially equivalent. FDA evaluation found that the products have different characteristics than the declared predicate products. “These decisions were based on a rigorous, science-based review designed to protect the public from the harms caused by tobacco use,” says Mitch Zeller, director of FDA’s Center for Tobacco Products.

[National Steering Committee Announces New Abstract Category](#)

National Summit on Smokeless and Spit Tobacco

The National Steering Committee for the 8th National Summit on Smokeless and Spit Tobacco announced an additional category for abstract submissions, “Impact of New Smokeless Tobacco Products,” bringing the total number of listed categories to eight. Topics within this category include dual or poly use of nicotine products, e-cigarettes, consumer awareness of risk, and others. The extended abstract deadline is Sep. 30 and those who submit will hear about the status of their abstract by Dec. 11.

[New Tutorial: How to Fund Evidence-Based Tobacco Cessation Efforts Targeting Survivors](#)

National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO)

NACCHO released an eight minute video tutorial that provides an overview of strategies that states can use to fund local health department cessation efforts. The video offers tips on capacity building and evidence-based policies aimed specifically at the cancer survivor subpopulation.

State News

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

[\(POS\) Training Institute and User Conference](#) – Counter Tools

Oct. 19-22| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco and Nicotine Harm Reduction Dialogue - Morven](#)

[V](#) – The Institute for Environmental Negotiation, University of Virginia
Oct. 22-23| *Save the Date*

[8th National Summit on Smokeless and Spit Tobacco](#)

– Health Education Council
April 18-20, 2016 | *Registration Required*

[12th National Reduce Tobacco Use Conference](#)

– Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention Connections
April 25-26, 2016 | *Save the Date*

Funding Opportunities

[Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Certificate in Global Tobacco Control Scholarship Program](#)

Deadline: Sep. 30. This scholarship covers tuition for online and in-person courses as part of this certificate program along with air travel and housing for classes taken on campus in Baltimore, MD in the fall of 2016.

[Registration Scholarships to Attend the 8th National Summit on Smokeless and Spit Tobacco](#)

Deadline: Sep. 30. This scholarship covers the full or partial registration cost to those with financial limitations whose work involves eliminating the use of smokeless and spit tobacco.

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.

[Portland State University Wins \\$3.5 Million Federal Grant to Study E-Cigarettes](#) (OR).

The National Institutes of Health awarded Portland State University with a five-year grant worth \$3.5 million to fund a large-scale study to assess possible harms of e-cigarette use. Researchers from the university released [a study earlier this year](#) finding that e-cigarettes can have high levels of formaldehyde.

In the News

[CVS Reports that Decision to Stop Selling Cigarettes Has Led to Decrease in Cigarette Consumption](#) – *Reuters*. An analysis of cigarette sales found that in the 13 states where CVS has at least a 15 percent market share of retail cigarette sales, consumption of cigarettes dropped by one percent compared to states where CVS did not have this market share. CVS estimates that it held 1.5 to 2 percent of the national cigarette retail market, representing about \$2 billion in sales, before its September 2014 announcement to stop selling cigarettes in all of its 7,800 American locations.

[Comfort Inn Hotels will Go Smoke-Free Nationwide in July 2016](#) – *PR Newswire*. Choice Hotels International, Inc. announced that its Comfort Inn brand of hotels will implement a smoke-free policy to go into effect on July 1, 2016. With 1,700 properties in the United States, this is the largest hotel brand to announce or implement such a policy. The decision was based on feedback from smoking and non-smoking customers after Choice Hotels' Comfort Suites brand went smoke-free in 2007.

[Research Indicates Smokers with Type 2 Diabetes are at Higher Risk of Complications](#) – *Reuters*. A recent study found that people with Type 2 diabetes who smoke were at higher risk of heart disease, stroke, clogged arteries, heart failure, death, and other complications compared to non-smokers with Type 2 diabetes. The study also found that those with diabetes who used to smoke but quit had a lower risk of these complications than current smokers, indicating that quitting smoking can improve one's prognosis.

[Get the Filter Out! Clean Up Cigarette Butt Litter Scholarship](#)

Deadline: Oct. 31.

DoSomething.org and Truth are offering a \$10,000 scholarship to teens who help clean up cigarette butts, the most littered item in the world.

Job Listings

[Senior Vice President of Community and Youth Engagement Truth Initiative Washington, D.C.](#)

[Director-Center for Consumer and Community Engagement Community Catalyst Washington, DC](#)

[Health Communications Specialist \(Requisition ID: 15011778\) Northrup Grumman Atlanta, GA](#)

[Industry Documents Digital Library Manager University of California, San Francisco San Francisco, CA](#)

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](#)

Research

[Parental Use of Electronic Cigarettes](#) – *Academic Pediatrics*. **Key Findings:** A survey of 658 parents, administered by a Midwest network of pediatric clinics, found that while almost all of the parents were aware of e-cigarettes, their perceptions of e-cigarette risks to themselves and their families varied greatly. For example, a majority of parents did not indicate that e-cigarette use is addictive, and only 31.2 percent reported believing that e-liquid is hazardous when coming in contact with the skin. Researchers conclude that pediatricians could have a role in educating parents on the risks of e-cigarette use in the home.

[Secondhand Smoke and Atrial Fibrillation: Data from the Health eHeart Study](#) – *Heart Rhythm*. **Key Findings:** This study analyzed internet-based questionnaire data from 4,976 participants to determine if patterns of secondhand smoke (SHS) exposure were related to [atrial fibrillation](#), a type of disruption in the heart's beating rhythm. After adjusting for confounders, having a smoking parent during fetal development and living with a smoker during childhood were both associated with atrial fibrillation. The researchers indicate that these results reiterate the importance of SHS exposure as an important and modifiable risk factor for a number of conditions.

[Association of Smoke-Free Laws with Lower Percentages of New and Current Smokers Among Adolescents and Young Adults: An 11-Year Longitudinal Study](#) – *JAMA Pediatrics*. **Key Findings:** An analysis of National Longitudinal Survey of Youth data from 4,098 youth smokers nationwide found that regulations on smoke-free workplaces, restaurants, and bars, in addition to increased cigarette taxes, were all associated with reduced youth smoking rates. Researchers highlight that while many of the restrictions included in the study are aimed at reducing secondhand smoke exposure of adults, the impact of smoke-free public places might be discouraging kids from smoking.

[Postpartum smoking relapse—a thematic synthesis of qualitative studies](#) – *Addiction*. **Key Findings:** A systematic review of 22 papers that investigated the views of a combined 1,031 postpartum women was conducted to

[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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determine why women quit smoking during pregnancy but then relapse soon after giving birth. Among many other factors, the stress of being a mother and no longer needing to stop smoking for the health of the developing fetus was identified as motivation for relapse across all the studies. Researchers conclude that partner support and a sense of changed identity as a mother are factors that could help prevent relapse in this subpopulation.

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