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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## Circulating Help Your Peers Request

*This is the current circulating Help Your Peers request.*

**Deadline:** October 28, 2015

North Dakota is issuing a Request for Proposal for a contractor to provide evaluation services which include developing evaluation methods, using and interpreting existing data, collecting and interpreting new information and data, providing statistical and methodological technical assistance, and providing reports of the results to meet the goals of North Dakota's Comprehensive State Plan to Prevent and Reduce Tobacco Use.

If you have experience with or are aware of a contractor that has proven success in providing these evaluation services, the Center would appreciate your recommendations.

*If you have any information to share or know someone who does, please reply to [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org) and we will connect you with the person who submitted the request.*

*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.*

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## Upcoming Events

[12th National Reduce Tobacco Use Conference](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention Connections  
Nov. 4 | *Call for Abstracts*

[Webinar: Epigenetics and Health Disparities: Linking Biology and Social Science](#) – American Academy of Pediatrics' Indian Health Special Interest Group  
Nov. 18 | *Registration Required*

## Letter from the Chair

Dear TCN Members,

It is my privilege to announce the 2015-2016 slate of Executive Leadership Committee members for the Tobacco Control Network.

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Region 5:

[It's About a Billion Lives Symposium 2016](#) – University of California, San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA  
Jan. 22, 2016 | *Save the Date*

[26th National Leadership Forum](#) – Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)  
National Harbor, MD  
Feb. 1-4, 2016 | *Registration Required*

[67th Annual Meeting - Building Capital: Investing in the Future of Health Education](#) – Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)  
Charlotte, NC  
Mar. 30 – Apr. 1, 2016 | *Registration Required*

[8th National Summit on Smokeless and Spit Tobacco](#) – Health Education Council  
Apr. 18-20, 2016 | *Registration Required*

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### Funding Opportunities

[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.

[Request for Proposals for](#)

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Thank you for those that served on the 2014-2015 Executive Leadership Committee. Many of these individuals are returning to the Executive Leadership Committee this year. We also want to especially thank Karen Girard (OR), April Roeseler (CA), Paul Davis (WA), Jeff Soukup (NE), and Angela Criswell (KY) for their service. Their contributions to the TCN in the various roles they have held have been immeasurable.

The committee is currently working on several projects including a webinar series, the policy platform, and the TCN website. We will provide key updates in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email [TCN@astho.org](mailto:TCN@astho.org).

#### [Program Evaluation and Related Services \(OR\)](#)

**Deadline: Nov. 25.** The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section, plans to award up to four Price Agreements for evaluation services and the promoting and supporting of optimal health for all Oregonians (#OHA-4082-15).

#### **Job Listings**

[Senior Associate for Tobacco and Cancer Prevention Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America \(CADCA\) Alexandria, VA](#)

[Coordinator, Tobacco Control American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest Brookfield, WI](#)

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

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Sincerely,

Barry Sharp  
Chair, TCN

## Partner Announcements

Deadline Extended: [Abstracts for the 2016 National Reduce Tobacco Use Conference](#)

*Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention Connections*

The Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention

Connections has extended the deadline to submit abstracts for plenary, sub-plenary, and concurrent sessions to **Nov. 4**. For more information or to submit an abstract, visit the foundation's website.

[CDC Releases Strategies to Control Healthcare Spending for States](#)

*CDC*

CDC, in partnership with the National Governors Association and the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, has recently developed strategies aimed at states that both improve population health while reducing health spending. Disease-specific packages include tobacco control, asthma control, and tooth decay. The goal of these strategies is to improve outcomes and reduce costs.

[Truth Initiative Convenes Conference to Reduce Smoking on Historically Black College Campuses](#)

*Truth Initiative*

Truth Initiative convened the Tobacco-Free HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and University) Campus Initiative, a two-day conference of workshops aimed at empowering attendees to establish tobacco-free policies on their campuses. Leaders and students from 33 historically black colleges and universities attended the conference at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Smoking-related illness is responsible for the death of

## 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.

47,000 African Americans, making it the top cause of death among that population.



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## State News

*The Tobacco Control Network uses this section to reflect the great work occurring across states and territories in tobacco control. We encourage you to share useful tobacco control 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](mailto:tcn@astho.org).*

[Virginia Department of Health Launches Countdown to Quit Day](#) (VA) – Leading up to The Great American Smoke Out on Nov. 19, the Virginia Department of Health launched a 31-day countdown on Oct. 20 in which cessation tips are released daily on the health department's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts to help encourage smokers to quit. The initiative is associated with a [tobacco-free pledge](#) and in the past has increased usage of [Quit Now Virginia](#), the state's tobacco user quitline.

## In the News

[U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Updates Recommendations on Smoking Cessation Interventions](#) – *U.S. Preventive Services Task Force*. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force issued four new recommendations on smoking cessation, updating its 2009 recommendations on this topic. A notable update from its 2009 release is the finding that there is insufficient evidence to recommend the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems as a smoking cessation aid in adults. The task force instead recommends behavioral interventions for all smoking adults and FDA-approved pharmacotherapy use for non-pregnant adults. See the accompanying [evidence summary](#) and [factsheet](#) for more

information.

[Smoking Cessation Drug Chantix Not Linked to Heart Attack or Depression](#) – *Reuters Health*. A study of 150,000 British smokers found that the Pfizer prescription drug Chantix does not increase one's risk of heart attack or depression. This finding contradicts previous reports that did link the drug to these health outcomes. Authors explain that regulatory agencies should take these findings into account to ensure limits on access to this medication are reduced. Currently in the United States, Chantix comes with a "black box" warning that alerts patients of mental health and cardiovascular disease risks.

[Large-Scale Meta-Analysis Sheds Light on the Relationship between Smoking and Diabetes](#) – *Reuters Health*. An analysis of 88 studies involving almost 5.9 million people determined that approximately 28 million cases of Type 2 diabetes worldwide might be attributed to active smoking. Data pooled from all considered studies found that smoking increased the risk of diabetes by 37 percent, with heavy smokers at higher risk than occasional smokers and those exposed to secondhand smoke. Researchers explain that while short term weight gain while quitting might keep diabetes risk high just after the time of cessation, diabetes risk is substantially lowered after five years of non-smoking.

[Woman Receives \\$1.9 Million for Injuries Caused by Exploding E-Cigarette Battery](#) – *Los Angeles Times*. Jennifer Ries received \$1.9 million by a jury in Riverside County, California after a 2013 incident in which a leaking e-cigarette battery exploded while charging in her car, spewing chemicals and flames onto her lap. The lawsuit alleged that the battery from the VapeCigs brand e-cigarette package was defective and held a charge at a lower voltage than what is typically delivered from a car charger. A [2014 report](#) from the U.S. Fire Administration details 25 reports of e-cigarette fires since 2009, 20 of which were caused when the battery was being charged.

## Research

[Trends in Quit Attempts Among Adult Cigarette Smokers — United States, 2001–2013](#) – *MMWR*. **Key Findings:** State-specific trends of quit attempts for adult smokers were analyzed using data obtained from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Systems between 2001 and 2013. Between 2001 and 2010, there was a significant increase in quit attempts for adult smokers in 29 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Between 2011 and 2013, the majority of adult smokers in all states made quit attempts, however, quit attempts decreased with increasing age. The researchers concluded that state specific data on smoking prevalence and quit attempts is important to create effective tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

[Cigarette, Cigar, and Marijuana Use Among High School Students — United States, 1997–2013](#) – *MMWR*. **Key Findings:** Prevalence of current exclusive cigarette or cigar use, exclusive marijuana use, and concurrent use of these products for U.S. youth grades 9 to 12 was analyzed using data from the 1997-2013 national Youth Risk Behavior Surveys. The data indicated a 64 percent decrease in exclusive cigarette or cigar use for white, black, and Hispanic youth between 1997 and 2013. On the other hand, exclusive marijuana use and concurrent use of marijuana and tobacco products increased for youth between 1997 and 2013, with significant concurrent use for Hispanic and black students. Researchers suggest that tobacco and marijuana prevalence data should be considered when developing programs and policies that target youth smoking prevalence.

[Smoking Bans in Prison: Time for a Breather?](#) – *The Medical Journal of Australia*. **Key Findings:** Due to recent smoking-free policies being implemented in Australian prisons, researchers at the Society of Justice Health

Research Program in Australia conducted a meta-analysis of studies that analyzed the effect of smoke free prisons in the United States on the smoking prevalence of prisoners. Findings indicated that despite the existence of smoking bans, smoking prevalence within prisons is high due to illicit trading. In addition, smoking relapse of former prisoners ranged from 39 percent to 81 percent within a month of release across the studies analyzed. These findings indicate the importance of smoking cessation interventions being provided to inmates during incarceration and after their release.

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