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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.

Youth and Adult E-Cigarette Data

Utah would like to know if any states that have added questions related to youth and/or adult e-cigarette use, attitudes, behaviors, etc. in the past few years would be willing to share their de-identified data sets. This refers to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, the Adult Tobacco Survey, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, the Youth Tobacco Survey, or other state-specific surveys. Utah is also interested in knowing what type of e-cigarette policies states have in place and when the policies went into effect. The state would like to use this information to support efforts to evaluate Utah's e-cigarette policies.

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

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TCN Recruiting Members for Marijuana Workgroup

*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

[Covering Tobacco Cessation Treatment: Why the New Federal Recommendation Is a Big Deal for Smokers](#) – Public Health Law Center
Dec. 10|*Registration Required*

[2016 National Association of County and City Health Officials \(NACCHO\) Annual Conference](#) – NACCHO
Phoenix, AZ
Dec. 18|*Call for Abstracts*

[Proposed Rule: "Instituting Smoke-Free Public Housing"](#) – U.S. Department of Housing

The TCN Executive Committee is forming a workgroup of tobacco control staff to address the overlap between marijuana and tobacco policies. This is a voluntary workgroup that will meet once a month by phone beginning in early 2016 to identify opportunities and barriers in this work. Representation is encouraged from states who have passed policies on marijuana legislation and those with pending legislation. This workgroup is also an opportunity to share ideas, resources, and network. If you are interested in joining, please email TCN@astho.org.

Feedback Requested on 2016 TCN Webinar Topics

The TCN Executive Committee is conducting a brief survey to get feedback on webinar topic ideas for 2016. In this survey, you will be asked to (1) share your feedback on a list of proposed ideas, (2) offer suggestions for speakers, and (3) propose additional topics for consideration. The survey is available online [HERE](#) until Friday, Dec. 18.

Partner Announcements

[American Academy of Family Physicians \(AAFP\) Releases Cessation Resources for Adults with Behavioral Health Disorders](#)

AAFP

AAFP implemented a Multi-State Office Champions Behavioral Health Tobacco Cessation project in Tennessee and West Virginia, which helped empower physicians to talk about smoking cessation with a population that smokes at a higher rate than the general adult population. Through the project, AAFP released an [online toolkit](#) that includes health facts on the topic of tobacco cessation and the behavioral health population.

[Over 70 Colleges and Universities Participate in 1Day Stand](#)

and Urban Development
Jan. 19, 2016| *Call for Comments*

[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*

[Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training](#) – Rutgers Tobacco Dependence Program
New Brunswick, NJ
Feb. 22-26, 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*

[Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training](#) – Rutgers Tobacco Dependence Program
New Brunswick, NJ
Apr. 25-29, 2016| *Registration Required*

[to Celebrate the Great American Smokeout Tobacco Free College Campus Initiative](#)

ACS

The Tobacco Free College Campus Initiative announced that over 70 colleges and universities participated in [1Day Stand](#) on Nov. 19, making it the most successful 1Day Stand initiative to date. These colleges pledged to participate in the annual [Great American Smokeout](#) by raising awareness for tobacco cessation among students, staff, and faculty on campus.

[FDA Files First No-Tobacco-Sale Order \(NTSO\) Complaints Against Retailers in Repeated Violation of Tobacco Sales Restrictions](#)

FDA

FDA filed its first ever NTSO actions against a group of eight retailers that have repeatedly violated certain restrictions on the sale and distribution of tobacco products, including sales to minors. Under current rules, FDA is free to pursue such actions when a retailer is found in violation five or more times within a 36 month period. FDA is seeking to prohibit tobacco sales at these establishments for 30 days.

[Tobacco Control Legal Consortium \(TCLC\) Releases Factsheet on Tobacco Pricing Regulation](#)

TCLC

TCLC released a factsheet “Death on a Discount: Regulating Tobacco Product Pricing,” which provides an overview of the different policy options related to discounted pricing. The factsheet places special emphasis on common industry marketing tools including two common tactics: coupons, and value-added promotions (e.g., buy-one-get-one-free offers). TCLC highlights that these common industry marketing tools often face legal challenges upon implementation, and recommends strong legal support throughout the policy development process.

[8th Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference: Innovation in a Rapidly Changing Landscape](#) – American Cancer Society
Washington, D.C.
June 16-18, 2016|Save the Date

[2016 National Association of County and City Health Officials \(NACCHO\) Annual Conference](#) – NACCHO
Phoenix, AZ
July 19-21, 2016|Registration Required

Funding Opportunities

[Exploratory Studies of Smoking Cessation Interventions for People with Schizophrenia \(R21/R33\)](#)

Deadline: April 15, 2016. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement is to provide support for grant applications to generate and conduct preliminary tests of targeted smoking cessation treatments for individuals with schizophrenia. Smokers with schizophrenia who have co-occurring alcohol and/or substance abuse disorders are also a population of interest.

Job Listings

[Manager, Public-Private Partnerships
University of Arizona
Tucson or Phoenix, AZ](#)

[Program Manager, eReferral](#)

[Comment Period Reopened for Proposed Rule on Tobacco Products Regulated as Drugs](#)

FDA

FDA reopened the public comment period for the proposed rule "Clarification of When Products Made or Derived From Tobacco Are Regulated as Drugs, Devices, or Combination Products; Amendments to Regulations Regarding Intended Uses," which was initially published on Sept. 25. The deadline has now been extended to Dec. 30 to submit electronic or paper submissions to FDA.

[U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) Opens Public Comment Period for Proposed Rule on Smoke-Free Public Housing](#)

HUD

HUD has proposed a rule that would require all public housing agencies nationwide to implement a smoke-free rule restricting the use of combustible tobacco products in all indoor areas and within 25 feet of all housing and administrative buildings. HUD cites improvement of indoor air quality, reduced fire risk, and lowered maintenance costs as justifications for this proposed rule. Public comments are due by Jan. 19, 2016.

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.

[North American Quitline Consortium](#)
[\[Telecommuting Position\]](#)

[Director, National Health Policy American Lung Association Washington, D.C.](#)

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

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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 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

[The University of Texas at Austin and AIDS Arms to Offer a Smoking Cessation Program](#) - *The University of Texas at Austin*. The University of Texas at Austin Tobacco Research and Evaluation Team is partnering with AIDS Arms to provide the eTobacco Protocol, a tobacco cessation program geared towards HIV patients, delivered through electronic medical records. AIDS Arms was the first clinic to build a referral system to the state-funded Texas quitline which offers free tobacco cessation services, including nicotine replacement therapy. The program's goal is to provide cessation services to all individuals in Texas, specifically populations with higher tobacco use.

In the News

['I want Hookah': How Twitter Feedback Influences use](#) – *The Washington Post*. In a recent study that was first to rely solely on twitter interactions regarding hookah use, researchers collected common terms related to hookah smoking from April to May 2014 and analyzed a random sample of all tweets collected. Of the data collected, 87 percent were pro-hookah, approximately 25 percent were promotions from bars or clubs, and approximately 15 percent of the tweets mentioned other substances. Only 7 percent of the tweets were against hookah use. The results of this study may encourage public health officials to ban indoor hookah smoking in places that allow hookah use.

[Tobacco use Fueled by E-Cigarettes, Hookah Remains High among U.S. Hispanics/Latinos](#) – *Medical Press*. According to a study presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Session 2015, there is an increasing use and acceptance of e-cigarettes and hookah among Hispanic/Latino adults. Researchers conducted 26 focus groups, with 180 participants that included smokers and nonsmokers to better understand knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs on the subject. Results showed that participants used e-cigarettes and hookah, and Spanish-speaking immigrants aged 36-64 were least likely to use these forms of

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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tobacco products compared to their younger counterparts. Access, appeal, taste, smell, and limited restrictions on use were notable reasons contributing to the popularity of these products.

[E-Cigarette Explosions Prompt Three Lawsuits in California](#) – *Los Angeles Times*. Vincent Garza is recovering from significant wounds to his mouth, tongue, and left index finger after his e-cigarette device exploded. Garza is one of many in Kern and Orange Counties in California now suing the e-cigarette manufacturer and designer, as well as stores where the battery, device, and charger were purchased. Those who purchase and use e-cigarettes have the right to ensure the products have been safely designed, manufactured, and tested for safety. Despite being such a large industry, there are few regulations to protect consumers. At least one of the three lawsuits filed has awarded the consumer with monetary compensation.

Research

[Using Diverse Communication Strategies to Re-Engage Relapsed Tobacco Quitline Users in Treatment, New York State, 2014](#) – CDC. **Key Findings:** Researchers analyzed a New York state program that invited 3,510 past quitline users to use quitline services again using several modes of communication. Of this group, 12.2 percent re-initiated quitline services compared to 1.9 percent of the control group which was not directly invited to re-join. Being older, smoking for longer, and reporting cancer and COPD were positively associated with re-initiating, while living with a smoker was identified as a barrier. Researchers conclude that a proactive campaign to reach out to past quitline users is an effective method at encouraging new quitline-assisted cessation attempts.

[Comparison of Smoking Habits, Knowledge, Attitudes, and Tobacco Control Interventions Between Primary Care Physicians and Nurses](#) – *Tobacco Induced Diseases*. **Key**

Findings: Researchers administered self-reported surveys to primary care providers to assess knowledge levels about the health effects of smoking and attitudes toward smoking cessation programs. Of the 1,182 primary care physicians and 1,063 nurse practitioners surveyed, 77.2 percent and 58.4 percent respectively rarely engaged in discussions with patients about their smoking status. Most primary care physicians reported being confident in advising about smoking cessation, while only a small portion of nurse practitioners felt this way. Lack of time during appointments with patients was the largest barrier for primary care physicians, while it was a low patient priority for nurse practitioners. Results concluded that tobacco control interventions should be firmly established in the medical setting.

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