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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Circulating Help Your Peers Requests

These are the current circulating Help Your Peers requests.

Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Campaigns

Deadline: February 12, 2016

Vermont will be working on smoke-free multi-unit housing across the state. The primary target audience will be landlords and property managers, with a secondary audience of tenants. Vermont welcomes any examples of materials or information on smoke-free multi-unit housing campaigns, how they were used, and whether or not they were successful. Vermont is also interested in any materials informing landlords and tenants of their rights.

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.

Partner Announcements

[FDA Issues Warning Letter to Online Tobacco Retailer for](#)

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Upcoming Events

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

[Smoking Cessation: Strategies to Help Your Campus Quit](#) –
The Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative (TFCCI)
Feb. 4 | *Registration Required*

[Best Practices and Engaging Health Officials in Tobacco Control and Prevention](#) –
National Association of County & City Health Officials

[Violation of Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act](#)

FDA

The FDA Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) and FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research jointly issued a letter warning an online retailer for violations under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. FDA states that the retailer illegally sells tobacco products and an unapproved drug device product in violation of federal law. The retailer has 15 business days to submit a response detailing their actions to correct the legal violations. For more information on these warnings, see FDA's [warning letter web page](#).

[FDA CTP Issues Request for Information on Psychosocial Predictors of Uptake of Tobacco and Other Products](#)

FDA

FDA CTP announced a request for information on the topic of psychosocial predictors of uptake and continued use of tobacco products. FDA is specifically seeking data from reports and manuscripts that are unpublished or are otherwise inaccessible through research databases to supplement information that FDA has obtained from the published journal literature. This information may aid FDA in identifying predictors of consumer tobacco product initiation and use. Comments are accepted until Mar. 4.

State News

[Minnesota Releases Fact Sheet on Menthol Flavored Tobacco Products](#) (MN) – *Minnesota Department of Health*.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) released a two-page report detailing menthol cigarette use in the state, discussing how the health impacts of mentholated tobacco products differ from non-mentholated products. This report was published as part of a one-time grant awarded to MDH, as part of the state's Omnibus Health and Human Services

(NACCHO) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

Feb. 9 | *Registration Required*

[Reducing Tobacco Use among African Americans and Youth: What's Menthol Got To Do With It?](#) – Smoking Cessation Leadership Center (SCLC)

Feb. 17 | *Registration Required*

[Call for Abstracts: American Public Health Association 2016 Annual Meeting & Expo](#)

Denver, CO

Feb. 26 | *Call for Abstracts*

[C. Everett Koop Unsung Heroes Award – American Lung Association](#)

Mar. 9 | *Application Deadline*

[67th Annual Meeting - Building Capital: Investing in the Future of Health Education](#) – Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)

Charlotte, NC

Mar. 30-Apr. 1 | *Registration Required*

Required

[8th National Summit on Smokeless and Spit Tobacco](#) – Health Education Council

Apr. 18-20 | *Registration Required*

Required

[Reduce Tobacco Use Conference 2016](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth

Arlington, VA

Apr. 25-26 | *Save the Date*

[8th Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research](#)

bill, in an effort to address the disproportionately high use of cigarettes – especially menthol cigarettes – by Minnesota's African American population.

In the News

[Congress Approves Bill to Require Childproof Packaging For E-Cigarettes](#) – *USA Today*. Congress has approved a bill requiring child-resistant packaging on e-cigarette liquids. Congressional representatives and experts speaking in support of the bill have noted that the nicotine found in e-cigarette liquids can be toxic or even fatal if children ingest a small amount. This measure was also supported by the Smoke-Free Alternatives Trade Association, a group that represents e-cigarette companies.

[Appeals Court Upholds FDA's Right to Use Menthol Cigarettes Report](#) – *Reuters Health*. A federal appeals court ruled that FDA has the right to reference an advisory committee report that said menthol cigarettes pose a greater threat to the public health than non-menthol cigarettes. This report overturns the ruling of District Court Judge Richard Leon, who ruled that FDA not use the report in tobacco regulatory activities. Among other findings, the report says that while menthol cigarettes are not as toxic than non-menthol cigarettes, the use of menthol in cigarettes decreases the harshness of cigarette smoking, making them more appealing to new smokers.

Research

Study: [Impact of Advertisements Promoting Candy-Like Flavored E-Cigarettes May Increase Appeal of Smoking Among Children](#) – *Tobacco Control*. **Key Findings:** A

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

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

Funding Opportunities

[Vermont Cessation Services](#)

Deadline: Feb. 5

The Vermont Department of Health's Vermont Tobacco Control Program is requesting proposals to provide statewide, integrated telephone and web-based tobacco use cessation services that can also be used separately, with both services incorporating nicotine replacement therapy and text messaging to assist tobacco users in quitting. The request for proposal is also available on the [Vermont Business Registry and Bid System website](#).

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

Deadline: Apr. 15

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to generate and conduct preliminary tests of targeted smoking cessation treatments

controlled experiment assigned 598 English school children between the ages of 11 and 16 into one of three groups: (1) those exposed to candy-flavored flavored e-cigarette advertisements, (2) those exposed to non-flavored e-cigarette advertisements, and (3) those exposed to no advertisements. Among the non-smoking participants, researchers found that none of the groups experienced increased susceptibility to tobacco smoking, but that both e-cigarette advertisement groups experienced increased susceptibility to buying and trying e-cigarettes, which greater appeal measured in the flavored e-cigarette group. Researchers call for more research on the impact of advertisements on e-cigarette use among youth.

[Increasing the Dose of Television Advertising in a National Anti-Smoking Media Campaign: Results from a Randomized Field Trial](#) – *Tobacco Control*. **Key Findings:** Researchers analyzed web survey data from nationally representative samples of 5,733 cigarette smokers and 2,843 non-smokers to quantify the impact of different levels of media exposure from the 2013 CDC “Tips from Former Smokers” advertisement campaign. In higher dose markets, smokers and non-smokers alike were more likely to recognize the campaign. Among smokers, the quit attempt rate was 11 percent higher in higher dose markets, which is a statistically significant difference. Authors say that the results demonstrate the effectiveness of higher media doses in targeted markets.

[Vital Signs: Exposure to E-Cigarette Advertising Among Middle School and High School Students — United States, 2014](#) – *CDC MMWR*. **Key Findings:** An analysis of data from 22,007 participants of the 2014 National Youth Tobacco Survey found that 68.9 percent of middle school and high school students were exposed to at least one source of e-cigarette advertising in 2014. Both age groups

for individuals with schizophrenia. Smokers with schizophrenia who have co-occurring alcohol or substance abuse disorders are also a population of interest.

Job Listings

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[New Orleans, LA](#)

[Cessation Manager](#)
[The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living \(TFL\)](#)
[New Orleans, LA](#)

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[Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health](#)
[Anchorage, AK](#)

[Postdoctoral Research Associate](#)
[Georgia State University](#)
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[Atlanta, GA](#)

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

[Program Manager, eReferral](#)

were most likely to see e-cigarette advertisements in retail stores, followed by the internet, watching TV and movies, and then newspapers and magazines. Researchers conclude that the prevalence and diversity of e-cigarette advertisement exposure warrants a multi-faceted approach to reduce exposure and potentially prevent e-cigarette use among youth.

[E-Cigarettes and Smoking Cessation in Real-World and Clinical Settings: a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis](#) – *The Lancet Respiratory Medicine*. **Key Findings:** An analysis of 38 different studies completed by University California San Francisco found “vapers” are 28 percent less likely to stop smoking compared to those who did not use e-cigarettes. The findings demonstrate that, as currently being used, e-cigarettes are associated with significantly less quitting among smokers, and negates the widely promoted belief that e-cigarettes help smokers quit. This is the largest meta-analysis of published data completed that quantifies whether e-cigarettes assist smokers in quitting cigarettes.

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

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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.

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