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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.*

### **RFP/RFA for Protection Against Secondhand Smoke**

**Deadline:** March 31, 2016

Alabama will be pursuing an RFP (Request for Proposal) and/or an RFA (Request for Application) process for vacant target cities during the next grant year. They would like to see RFP/RFA packets that resulted in contracts with effective applicants for evidence-based secondhand smoke protection work.

*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.*

## Partner Announcements

[New Study Explores Tobacco Control and Obesity](#)

[Prevention Efforts at Retail Outlets](#)

CDC

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## Upcoming Events

[Webinar: Promoting Healthy Retail in Hispanic Communities](#)

- *Nuestras Voces* National Hispanic Network to Reduce Tobacco-Related and Cancer Health Disparities

Mar. 30 | *Registration Required*

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

Charlotte, NC

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

[Webinar: Best Practices for](#)

An article published in *Preventing Chronic Disease* discusses the potential impacts of integrating tobacco control and obesity prevention efforts at retail outlets. Authors call for an interdisciplinary approach where FDA authority over tobacco product sales and marketing is leveraged to make tobacco retailers more healthy environments that also promote the sale of healthful foods and promote healthy living through changes at the point of sale. Authors note that tobacco is sold in 375,000 retail locations in the United States, and that interventions aimed at these retail location could have a potentially broad reach.

## 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).*

[Data Shows Reduction in California's Tobacco Excise Tax Income Amid Proposal of Tax Increase \(CA\)](#) – *Sacramento Bee*. California's current state tax rate per pack of cigarettes stands at \$0.87 per pack, and the state received \$751.5 million in revenue from this tax in its 2013 fiscal year, down from well over \$1 billion in the late 1990s due to declining tobacco sales. While these figures are far smaller than the \$3.5 billion in state government healthcare costs linked to tobacco use, a proposed cigarette tax increase of \$2.00 on the ballot this November is poised to increase state cigarette revenues again, which could mean more funding for initiatives such as the California Children and Families First Trust Fund.

[State Tobacco Control Leaders from the TCN 2016 Policy Recommendations](#) - Tobacco Control Network  
Mar. 31 | *Registration Required*

[Biomarkers of Potential Harm: A Public Workshop](#) – FDA Center for Tobacco Products  
Silver Spring, MD  
Apr. 4-5 | *Registration Required*

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

[Reduce Tobacco Use Conference 2016](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth  
Arlington, VA  
Apr. 25-26 | *Save the Date*

[Emerging Science in State and Community Tobacco Control Policy and Practice](#) – State and Community Tobacco Control Research  
Washington, D.C.  
May 4, 1-4 p.m.  
ET | *Registration Required*

[Annual Tobacco Documents Workshop: Putting the Tobacco Industry's Words to Work for You](#) – University of California, San Francisco Center for Tobacco Control, Research and Evaluation  
San Francisco, CA  
May 6 | *Registration Required*

[Global Tobacco Dependence Treatment Summit 2016](#) –

[Chicago Ordinances Increases Tobacco Purchase Age to 21 and Restricts Smokeless Tobacco Use in Sports Venues \(IL\)](#)

– *NBC Chicago*. Chicago's city council passed two tobacco related ordinances. The first, proposed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, raises the minimum purchasing age of tobacco products to 21. This ordinance includes combustible tobacco products, smokeless tobacco products, and e-cigarettes. The second ordinance restricts the use of smokeless tobacco products at venues where organized sports are being played, which would include Wrigley Field and U.S. Cellular Field, where the Chicago Cubs and White Sox play, respectively.

## In the News

[Study Looks at Cost as a Barrier to Tobacco Quitline Use Among Low-Income Smokers](#)

– *Reuters Health*. A survey of 773 American smokers visiting an urban area emergency department in 2013 explored the cost of phone plans and the availability of finite minutes as barriers to using otherwise free tobacco quitlines. In this sample, 63 percent of respondents reported having a cell phone and not a landline phone, and 35 percent of these cell phone users reported having plans with limited monthly minutes. Given that some users call quitlines for over 45 minutes at a time several times a month, researchers conclude that using a quitline regularly to help quit smoking could potentially use a large portion of minutes for some low-income Americans, deterring their use of this free resource.

[Quitting Smoking All at Once Might Improve Likelihood of Success According to New Study](#)

– *Reuters Health*. In a study of almost 700 adult smokers, participants were divided into a gradual quitting group that reduced cigarette

Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center and Global Bridges  
Rochester, MN  
May 23-24|*Registration Required*

[Call for Nominations: Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Section Award](#)

American Public Health Association Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Section  
June 3|*Application Deadline*

[8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research 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 Annual Conference](#)

Phoenix, AZ  
July 19-21|*Registration Required*

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## Funding Opportunities

[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 for individuals with schizophrenia. Smokers with

use over two weeks, and an abrupt quitting group that quit all at once, and found that those who quit abruptly were more likely to stay abstinent from cigarette use after two follow-up periods. After four weeks, 49 percent of the abrupt quitters remained smoke-free compared to 40 percent of the gradual quitting group, and after six months, 22 percent of the abrupt quitters and 15 percent of the gradual quitters were smoke-free. Researchers say that these findings should help persuade people to try quitting abruptly instead of gradually.

## Research

[Long-Term Cigarette Smoking Trajectories Among HIV-Seropositive and Seronegative MSM in the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study](#) – *AIDS Behavior*. **Key Findings:** A survey of 6,552 men who have sex with men (MSM) enrolled in the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study were asked information on smoking habits and were subsequently placed into four defined trajectory groups: persistent nonsmoker (55.9%), persistent light smoker (11%), heavy smoker to nonsmoker (10%), and persistent heavy smoker (23.1%). Researchers found that compared to persistent non-smokers, persistent heavy smokers were significantly more likely to have a high school diploma or less, have a non-Hispanic black racial/ethnic identity, and be HIV-positive. Study authors conclude that the findings of this survey could inform tobacco cessation interventions aimed at HIV-positive MSM.

[Journal Publishes Supplement Focusing on African American Youth and Young Adult Smoking](#) – *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*. **Key Findings:** The journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* published the supplement “Critical Examination of Factors Related to the Smoking Trajectory

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

### [Truth Initiative Announces Grant Opportunity for Smoke-Free Community Colleges](#)

**Deadline: Apr. 29 or July 15**

Truth Initiative is now accepting grant applications from community colleges to help these public organizations work towards comprehensive smoke-free policies.

Community colleges that do not have a 100 percent smoke-free policy are eligible for a grant and technical assistance.

Interested community colleges should apply by Apr. 29 to be eligible for a \$10,000 grant, or by July 15 to receive a \$7,500 grant.

### Job Listings

[Resource Development Coordinator](#)  
[University of Wisconsin – Madison](#)  
[Madison, WI](#)

[Research Public Health Analyst - PhD](#)  
[Center for Health Policy Science and Tobacco Research](#)  
[Washington, D.C.](#)

[Post-Doctoral Fellow](#)  
[ClearWay Minnesota](#)  
[Minneapolis, MN](#)

[Tobacco Prevention & Control Director and Portfolio Lead](#)  
[Louisiana Public Health](#)

among African American Youth and Young Adults” in its April 2016 issue. The supplement’s 13 articles include original investigations, reports, commentaries, and others that explore the tobacco usage patterns of young African Americans historically and in the present.

[Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems \(ENDS\): Overheating, Fires and Explosions](#) – *Tobacco Control*. **Key Findings:** An investigation of ENDS-associated overheating, fire, or explosion (OH/F/EXP) events identified 92 such events in the United States since 2009. These events resulted in 47 injuries, and 73 percent of these events resulted in property damage. Researchers noted that these reports were all incomplete, and that better reporting could help identify the cause of OH/F/EXP events.

[Institute](#)  
[New Orleans, LA](#)

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

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

### **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

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