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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- Nominate your state or territorial tobacco control program manager to be featured as a tobacco control leader on the TCN website and in a future TCN News by reaching out to tcn@astho.org.
- Program managers and Funders Alliance leads are encouraged to join the [TCN Forum](#), a password-protected section of the TCN website, to engage in dialogue and share new resources with colleagues. Please see the [Forum guide](#) and [How-To video](#) for more information.

Partner Announcements

- **CDC** [developed](#) a comprehensive infographic on e-cigarette use and [published](#) a National Center for Health Statistics data brief detailing tobacco use among pregnant women.
- **American Lung Association** [published](#) their inaugural Lung Force report detailing lung cancer in each state.
- **LGBT HealthLink**, in collaboration with the [CDC Consortium of National Networks](#), [developed](#) an

*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

[Youth Engagement & POS](#) – Counter Tools and CounterTobacco.org
March 15, 12-1 PM EDT|*Registration Required*

[The Virginia Conference on Youth Tobacco Use: Translating Research into Practice and Policy](#) – Virginia Youth Tobacco Projects Research Coalition
Richmond, VA
March 21-22|*Registration Required*

[Ask the Experts: The Intersection of Tobacco and Opioids](#) – ASTHO
April 2, 2-3:30 PM EDT|*Registration Required*

[Leveraging Cross-Sectoral Partnerships to Advance the](#)

infographic that overviews a number of tobacco use disparities in the United States.

- The **Public Health Law Center** [published](#) a brief overview on the public health concerns surrounding JUUL e-cigarette products.
- **FDA** [posted](#) an updated version of Philip Morris' modified risk tobacco product applications for its IQOS heated tobacco products. In addition, it [released](#) an informational webinar on grandfathered tobacco products.
- Brian A. King and Corinne Graffunder from **CDC's Office on Smoking and Health** [published](#) an overview of their "Tobacco Control Vaccine" prevention framework in *Tobacco Control*.

State News

- **Florida** lawmakers are [considering](#) a bill that would repeal state preemption pertaining to smoke-free parks, allowing local municipalities to implement such policies.
- A survey of **Utah** teenagers [found](#) that 60 percent of those who reported drinking alcohol in the past month also reported e-cigarette use.

In the News

- According to a [laboratory experiment](#) published in the *European Respiratory Journal*, inhalation of e-cigarette vapor may [make](#) lung cells more susceptible to pneumonia-causing bacteria.
- U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company LLC (UST), a subsidiary of Altria Group, Inc., [filed](#) suit against

[Implementation of Smoke-Free Multiunit Housing](#) – National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO)
April 5, 2-3 PM
EDT|*Registration Required*

[13th National Reduce Tobacco Use Conference](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
Norfolk, VA
April 10-11|*Registration Required*

[NatCon 2018 Conference](#) – National Council for Behavioral Health
National Harbor, MD
April 23-25|*Registration Required*

[Eliminate Tobacco Use Summit](#)– MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, TX
April 24-25|*Registration Required*

[Clearing the Air: An Institute for Policy Advocacy, XI](#) – American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation
Ridgedale, MO
May 1-3|*Registration Required*

[Placing our Efforts to Promote Health Equity into the Health Impact Pyramid: How is Tobacco Control Measuring Up?](#) – Tobacco Control Training Collaborative
June 6, 3-4:30 PM
EDT|*Registration Required*

[State of Black Health National Conference](#) – National African American Tobacco Prevention Network (NAAPTIN)
Atlanta, GA
Sept. 11-13|*Registration Required*

[9th National Summit on Smokeless Tobacco Prevention](#) – Health Education

FDA and HHS following a Not Substantially Equivalent determination on UST's Copenhagen Bold smokeless tobacco product.

Research

- An analysis in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* looked at tobacco use data and state tobacco policy data, [concluding](#) that having well-enforced tobacco control policies in place is associated with lower cigarette and e-cigarette use statewide.
- A *Public Health Reports* analysis of smoking data and health insurance data [found](#) that smoking prevalence in the United States ranged from 14.6 percent of adults with private insurance to 34.7 percent of Medicaid enrollees.
- An analysis of youth survey data published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* [found](#) that 37.5 percent of American students agree that intermittent e-cigarette use causes little or no harm, compared to 9.7 percent of students with regards to intermittent cigarette use.
- A nationally representative cohort study of 357,420 participants published in *JAMA Internal Medicine* [concluded](#) that exclusive cigarette, cigar, and pipe smokers all had significantly increased mortality risk over the course of the 26-year study period, with cigarette smoking being the most dangerous.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) study data [found](#) that adolescents aged 12-17 were more likely to report purchasing tobacco products and being tobacco users at follow-up if they received a tobacco product coupon during the study period.

Council
Sacramento, CA
Oct. 16-18|*Registration
Required*

[APHA 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo](#) – American Public Health Association
San Diego, CA
Nov. 10-14|*Save the Date*

Funding Opportunities

[2018 Tobacco-Free Grants for Minority-Serving Institutions, Community and Women's Colleges](#)

Deadline: April 10

Virtually all smokers start smoking before 26 years old. That's why over the past three years, Truth Initiative has awarded funding to 135 historically black colleges, universities, and community colleges to advocate for the adoption and implementation of a 100 percent smoke- or tobacco-free policy. Truth Initiative is accepting applications for its Tobacco-Free College Program, which now offers grants of up to \$20,000 to women's colleges, minority-serving academic institutions, and community colleges.

[PAR-17-218 – U.S. Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities \(R21\)](#)

Deadline: June 15, 2020

NIH published an open-funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to support observational or intervention research focused on reducing health disparities in tobacco use in the United States. The FOA is intended to stimulate scientific inquiry focused on innovative tobacco control policies.

Job Listings

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[University of Wisconsin-Madison](#)
[Madison, WI](#)

[Advertising Specialist](#)
[UC Davis Medical Center](#)
[Sacramento, CA](#)

[Program Associate, Youth Advocacy](#)
[Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids](#)
[Washington, D.C.](#)

[Advocacy Manager](#)
[American Lung Association in California](#)
[Fresno or Bakersfield, 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 a network of tobacco program managers and staff from state and territorial health departments as well as Funder's Alliance organizations, and a peer group of 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.



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