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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## TCN Action Items

- Be sure to [register](#) the TCN webinar “State and Local Stakeholders' Role in Reducing Menthol Tobacco Use” on April 26 from 3-4 p.m. EDT.
- Be sure to [register](#) for the inaugural TCN virtual training on message mapping as a communications tool in tobacco control on April 27 from 2-2:45 p.m. EDT.
- 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](mailto:tcn@astho.org).
- See what's new on the TCN Forum! Program managers and Funders Alliance leads can 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.

**Circulating Help Your Peers Requests**

*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

[Smoke-Free Multiunit Housing Implementation: Live Q&A with the Experts](#) – NACCHO  
April 18, 3-4 PM  
EDT|*Registration Required*

[Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators? Environmental Quality](#) – Health People 2020  
April 19, 12-1 PM  
EDT|*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

### **Tobacco Vending Machine Policies**

**Deadline:** April 19

Nevada is currently exploring tobacco vending machine policies by state. They would like to know if there are any states nationwide that explicitly ban tobacco vending machines in the state, if there are location restrictions on vending machines, and if there have been any policy successes in further regulating and restricting tobacco vending machines.

### **E-Cigarette Summit Coordinating**

New Hampshire has received approval to travel to the E-Cigarette Summit: Science, Regulation & Public Health in Washington, DC on April 30. They would like to know if other state staff are attending in order to try to coordinate the sessions that are attended. Please reach out to Donna Asbury ([donna.asbury@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:donna.asbury@dhhs.nh.gov)) if you would like to coordinate.

*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 forward your response to the person who submitted the request.*

## **Happy Anniversary!**

In the first TCN newsletter of each month, TCN will recognize anniversaries of state and territorial tobacco program managers to thank them for their leadership in tobacco control and public health more broadly. Thank you and congratulations to the following program managers!

- **Jennifer Ullman (MT)** – 9 years
- **Elizabeth Guerrero (GU)** – 7 years

April 24-25|*Registration Required*

[What's the Hype? JUUL Electronic Cigarette's Popularity with Youth and Young Adults](#) – Public Health Law Center  
April 26, 1-2 PM  
EDT|*Registration Required*

[State and Local Stakeholders' Role in Reducing Menthol Tobacco Use](#) – TCN  
April 26, 3-4 PM  
EDT|*Registration Required*

[An Overview of Message Mapping: Framing and Coordinating Messaging Efforts](#) – TCN  
April 27, 2-2:45 PM  
EDT|*Registration Required*

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

[2018 Maryland Tobacco Control Conference](#) – Maryland Department of Health and the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy  
May 8|*Registration Required*

[Annual Tobacco Documents Workshop](#) – University of California, San Francisco Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education  
San Francisco, CA  
May 11, 9:30-4:30 PM  
PDT|*Registration Required*

[No Menthol Sunday: Find Your Way to Freedom](#) – National African American Tobacco Prevention Network  
May 27|*Pledge to Participate*

[Placing our Efforts to Promote Health Equity into the Health](#)

## Partner Announcements

- The **Public Health Law Center** [updated](#) the FDA Tobacco Action Center webpage to provide information on currently open comment periods and ongoing litigation against the FDA Center for Tobacco Products.
- A **CDC MMWR** article analyzing **American Lung Association** data [found](#) that only ten states cover all approved tobacco cessation treatments through Medicaid, with many barriers to treatment access continuing to exist.
- The **National African American Tobacco Prevention Network** [published](#) a resources toolkit for their upcoming No Menthol Sunday initiative.
- The **National Summit on Smokeless Tobacco Prevention** [invites](#) public health practitioners with expertise on smokeless or non-combustible tobacco products and programs to review abstract submissions.
- **Action on Smoking and Health** [published](#) a new video highlighting the marketing and sale of tobacco products globally as a human rights violation.
- The **Asian Smokers' Quitline** [launched](#) a new webpage with cessation resources and other materials translated into a variety of languages.

## State News

- **Oklahoma** [passed](#) a \$1 tax increase on cigarettes, a policy projected to save \$3.46 million in Medicaid spending and \$6.88 million in healthcare costs over the next five years.

[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  
Atlanta, GA  
Sept. 11-13|*Registration Required*

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

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### Funding Opportunities

[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

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

[Program Manager](#)  
[American Lung Association](#)

- Through May 31, the **Michigan** Tobacco Quitline is [offering](#) a free two-week supply of nicotine replacement therapy to enrollees who want to quit.
- The **Florida** Constitution Revision Commission [voted](#) in favor of permitting a 2018 ballot initiative adding e-cigarettes to the state's existing clean air policy, restricting their use in workplaces, restaurants, and other public places.

## In the News

- Public health organizations [filed](#) a lawsuit against FDA over its decision to delay its regulation of e-cigarette product manufacturers.
- The *New York Times* published a story [highlighting](#) Juul e-cigarettes and other vaping products as an emerging public health challenge facing schools across the nation.
- U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams [discussed](#) tobacco control at the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco's annual convention, sharing that tobacco control must focus on health disparities and be integrated with other medical treatments to reach populations most impacted.
- *Scientific American* published a story [detailing](#) the work that Native American community groups are doing to address disproportionate cigarette among Native Americans in the United States.
- Pfizer Inc. [announced](#) that an internal study failed to demonstrate that its tobacco cessation drug Chantix is safe and effective in adolescent smokers.

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[Madison, WI](#)

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

[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

## Research

- A *Tobacco Control* data analysis [found](#) that daily e-cigarette smoking was associated with cessation of combustible cigarettes, but occasional e-cigarette use was not in a nationally representative sample of cigarette smokers 25 years and older.
- An online survey of young adults in six metropolitan areas published in the *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse* [concluded](#) that perceived discrimination and tobacco marketing are both associated with past 30-day cigarette use across racial and ethnic groups.
- A laboratory study published in *PLOS Biology* [details](#) a method to assess toxicity of e-cigarette flavorings, with a [public database](#) of information on e-liquid toxicity.
- A secondary analysis of hospital discharge data [published](#) in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* found that smokers that used e-cigarettes to quit smoking combustible cigarettes were less likely to be abstinent from tobacco products than smokers who did not use e-cigarettes six months after baseline.

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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