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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Action Items

- Be sure to take a look at the new [Interactive State Policy Map](#) and corresponding [user guide](#) now live on the TCN website. The policy map is available on the TCN homepage via the “State Policy” dropdown item underneath the Resources tab.
- Recordings from the April 26 TCN [webinar](#) on menthol tobacco products and the April 27 TCN [virtual communications training](#) on message mapping are now available at the top of the [Resources tab](#) of the TCN website.
- 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.
- See what’s new on the TCN Forum! Program managers and Funders Alliance 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.

*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

[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*

[Tobacco in Culture: The Renormalization and Glamorization of Smoking](#) – Truth Initiative
Washington, D.C. (also available via live webcast)
May 16, 11:30 to 1:30 PM
EDT|*Registration Required*

[2018 E-Summit Workshops](#) – LGBT HealthLink
May 15-17|*Registration Required*

[Study Design and Analysis Methods for Examining the Implementation and Impact of](#)

Happy Anniversary!

In the first 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!

- **Judy Ochs (PA)** – 19 years.
- **April Roeseler (CA)** – 18 years.
- **Joe D'Eufemia (WY)** – 10 years.
- **Harlan Juster (NY)** – 5 years.
- **Ari Skilling (FM)** – 1 year.

Partner Announcements

- **FDA** Commissioner Scott Gottlieb [announced](#) that FDA is taking action to address the use of JUUL vaping products among minors, including a large-scale national investigation of e-cigarette retailers and an information request to JUUL Labs. In partnership with FTC, FDA subsequently [announced](#) warning letters to e-cigarette manufacturers whose packaging imitates juices boxes, candies, and other products that appeal to children.
- **CDC** researchers [published](#) an article in *Prevention Chronic Disease* exploring the intersections of cigarette smoking and receiving federal housing assistance. The study found that 33 percent of those receiving federal housing assistance are current smokers.
- The **American Public Health Association's** 2018 Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Section Awards is calling for [nominations](#) through June 22.
- The **Public Health Law Center** published an updated [overview](#) of preemption in tobacco legislation and released an updated [version](#) of their

[Obesity and Tobacco-Related Law and Policy on Practices, Community Environments, and Individual Behaviors/Attitudes](#) – NIH Office of Disease Prevention
12 to PM EDT|*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 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*

[2018 National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media](#) – CDC, National Public Health Information Coalition, and The Society for Health Communication
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

state e-cigarette regulations map.

- Recordings of two **NACCHO** smoke-free housing webinars convened in April are now [available](#) online.
- **Truth Initiative** [details](#) the findings of a study [published](#) in *Tobacco Control*, which found that 63 percent of youth do not know that JUUL products always contain nicotine and that 25 percent of youth indicate that “JUULing” is distinct from e-cigarette use.

State News

- An amendment [asking](#) **Florida** voters to include e-cigarettes in the state’s smoke-free law will appear on the November ballot.
- The **Minnesota** Department of Health [published](#) an informational toolkit to aid schools in the prevention of e-cigarette use among students.
- A bill in **Louisiana** that would [prohibit](#) smoking in bars, casinos, and sports venues has gone back to committee as state lawmakers worry that the bill could impact revenue.
- A coalition of cancer patients and survivors has [asked](#) the **Pennsylvania** state legislature to close exemptions to the state’s clean indoor air law, which currently permits smoking in some bars, restaurants, private clubs, truck stops, and hotel rooms.

San Diego, CA
Nov. 10-14|*Save the Date*

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](#)
[Phoenix, AZ](#)

[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

In the News

- Following FDA's announcement that it is addressing JUUL e-cigarette use among youth, JUUL Labs [announced](#) that it will spend \$30 million to support state and federal initiatives to raise the tobacco purchase age to 21.
- A [study](#) published in *Circulation* [estimated](#) that men and women at age 50 who follow five health habits, including not smoking, live more than a decade longer than those who adopt none of these healthy habits.
- A [study](#) published in *Pediatrics* [concluded](#) that e-cigarette use among youth aged 12 to 17 is associated with a significantly increased likelihood of marijuana use as adolescents.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* study of tobacco retailers located on U.S. Air Force bases [found](#) that cigarettes were 11-12 percent cheaper on base compared to retailers located in close proximity.
- An experiment involving different e-cigarette product health warnings published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [concluded](#) that graphic and text warnings were more effective than text warnings alone with regards to fewer e-cigarette cravings and less susceptibility to e-cigarette use among study participants.
- An analysis of Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health study data published in *Tobacco Control* [found](#) that 48.8 percent of adult e-cigarette users at baseline discontinued use over the course of a one-year follow-up period. In addition, 44.3 percent of continuous e-cigarette users maintained dual use

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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throughout that follow-up period.

- A model of e-cigarette nicotine concentrations published in *Tobacco Control* [concluded](#) that combustible cigarette demand remained unchanged across different e-cigarette nicotine concentrations.

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