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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## TCN Action Items

- Program Managers and Funders Alliance leads are encouraged to submit nominations for the 2018-19 TCN Executive Committee by referring to the email circulated on Aug. 13. The newly extended nominations deadline is Aug. 24.
- A new [Tobacco Control Network video](#) that overviews TCN's priorities and resources is now available on the [homepage](#) 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](mailto: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.

## Partner Announcements

*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

[Southwest Tribal Tobacco Coalition](#) – National Native Network and Indian Health Service Health Promotion and Disease Prevention  
Aug. 29, 3-4 PM  
ET|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

- **FDA** has published several announcements and new resources pertaining to its oversight of tobacco products:
  - FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb [announced](#) a draft guidance to support the development of novel nicotine replacement therapies.
  - Research [published](#) in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* found that FDA's campaign, The Real Cost, has prevented almost 350,000 youth from initiating smoking, resulting in savings of \$31 billion.
  - FDA updated informational webpages for its [Comprehensive Plan for Tobacco and Nicotine Regulation](#) and [Youth Tobacco Prevention Plan](#) to include recent regulatory actions and milestones.
  - FDA [released](#) information on guidelines and regulations pertaining to tobacco product marketing orders.
- A **Truth Initiative** article [alleges](#) that the surge of new JUUL-like e-cigarette products may be breaking the law by not receiving FDA approval.

## State News

- A recent study published in *Tobacco Regulatory Science* [found](#) that tobacco products are more aggressively marketed in predominantly minority neighborhoods in Milwaukee, **Wisconsin**.
- Truth Initiative [partnered](#) with Girl Scouts Nation's Capital to start Earth Defender's Academy, a program that teaches Girl Scouts in the **Washington, D.C.**-area about the environmental effects of tobacco products.

[Public Meeting of the FDA Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee](#) – FDA  
Center for Tobacco Products  
Silver Spring, MD  
Sept. 13-14|*Save the Date*

[Oral Health Effects of Tobacco Products: Science and Regulatory Policy](#) – American Association for Dental Research  
Bethesda, MD  
Sept. 14|*Registration Required*

[Tenth Annual C. Everett Koop Conference: It's Not Just Cigarettes Anymore](#) – C. Everett Koop Institute at Dartmouth  
Lebanon, NH  
Sept. 28, 2018|*Save the Date*

[Public Health Law Conference 2018](#) – The Network for Public Health Law and the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics  
Phoenix, AZ  
Oct. 4-6|*Registration Required*

[9th National Summit on Smokeless Tobacco Prevention](#) – Health Education Council  
Sacramento, CA  
Oct. 16-18|*Registration Required*

[SCRIPT Training Workshop](#) – Society for Public Health Education  
Washington, DC  
Oct. 22|*Registration Required*

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

[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#) – National

## In the News

- A recent analysis of 200,000 e-cigarette-related tweets [found](#) that approximately 70 percent of the tweets originated from bots, two-thirds of which were supportive of e-cigarette use.
- Amid climbing market share, JUUL Labs Inc. is [attempting](#) to self-regulate its products to prevent underage use, including delaying the release of 55 new flavors in the U.S. market.
- A recent study of 7,300 non-smoking teenagers [found](#) an association between secondhand smoke exposure and an increased likelihood of experiencing breathing problems, visiting the ER or urgent care, and missing school.

## Research

- A study in *Pediatrics* [found](#) that e-cigarette and hookah use is strongly associated with current and subsequent marijuana use among adolescents.
- Data from two surveys published in *PLOS One* [indicates](#) that increasing smoke-free housing options among low-income populations may decrease disparity in smoking cessation by income level by at least one-third.
- A *Tobacco Control* longitudinal study [found](#) that approximately two-thirds of experienced e-cigarette users commonly use e-cigarettes in places where use is prohibited.
- In a study published in *Preventing Chronic Disease*, CDC researchers analyzed retail scanner data from 2012-2016 and [found](#) that e-cigarette sales have increased as product prices decreased.

Network of Public Health  
Institutes  
Minneapolis, MN  
Aug. 27-29, 2019|[Save the Date](#)

### Funding Opportunities

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

**Deadline: Sept. 13**

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 to adopt a 100 percent tobacco-free college policy.

[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

[Director, Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program University of California Oakland, 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

- A study published in *Thorax* [found](#) that alveolar macrophages, a key component of the lung's immune system, experience significant inflammation and reduced ability to fight off bacteria when exposed to e-cigarette vapor.

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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