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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## Celebrating TCN's 25th Anniversary

“TCN played an important role in communicating the voice from state programs with national groups, to great ends. We are stronger together, and TCN supports that bond.” – Erin Boles Welsh (Alumna-RI), TCN Chair 2017-18

Join us in celebrating 25 amazing years of the TCN by reading more excerpts from TCN leaders and accessing other 25th anniversary resources on the [TCN website](#).



## TCN Announcements

- **Resource of the Month:** TCN recently updated its interactive [State Tobacco Policy Map](#) to reflect new tobacco control policies currently in effect in the U.S. states and territories. Any questions or

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### Upcoming Events

[Vaping: The Next Generation](#) – Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network  
May 31, 1-2 PM  
ET|Registration Required

[Tobacco Prevention and Control Efforts in Rural America: Current Local Health Department Successes and Challenges](#) – NACCHO  
June 18, 2-3 PM  
ET|Registration Required

[Using Campaigns and Social Media to Address Commercial Tobacco Use](#) – National Native Network and Indian Health Service  
July 10, 3-4 PM  
ET|Registration Required

[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#) – National Network of Public Health Institutes  
Minneapolis

recommendations on the state policy map can be directed to [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org).

## Partner Announcements

- **CDC** [released](#) a series of new videos that encourage smokers to utilize quitlines as a resource to help quit smoking.
- **ChangeLab Solutions** in collaboration with other public health organizations [published](#) a model Tobacco 21 policy that emphasizes the role of retailers that profit on tobacco products instead of young adult consumers.
- The **Public Health Law Center** [updated](#) their 50-state review of tobacco policies and how they relate to the definition and regulation of e-cigarettes.
- The **Smoking Cessation Leadership Center** is [waiving](#) the CEU cost associated with their 2016 and 2017 collection of webinars.

## State News

- [Maryland](#) and [Vermont](#) became the 13th and 14th states to raise the tobacco purchase age to 21 after each state's governor signed bills into law.
- The **North Carolina** attorney general [became](#) the first to file a lawsuit against JUUL Labs, alleging that the company marketed towards youth and is responsible for the epidemic of e-cigarette use among minors.
- Beverly Hills, California would be the first municipality to [prohibit](#) the sale of all tobacco

Aug. 27-29|*Registration Required*

### 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

[Deputy Director of Tobacco Control – Policy Research Vital Strategies New York City, NY](#)

### 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

products if a bill to be considered by the city council passes.

- JUUL Labs [announced](#) that it will be opening a new assembly facility in **South Carolina**, a move that has been met with both support and concern.

## In the News

- Sens. Mitch McConnell and Tim Kaine [introduced](#) the Tobacco-Free Youth Act, a bill that would raise the age for purchasing tobacco control to 21 nationwide. Contrary to McConnell's initial [announcement](#), the bill does not exempt those who served in the military.
- In a lawsuit brought by national public health groups, a federal judge [ruled](#) that FDA's decision to allow e-cigarettes and other new tobacco products on the market without review until 2022 represents an "abdication of statutory responsibilities." FDA has two weeks to submit a new plan of action.
- Doctors and public health researchers are [critical](#) of JUUL's multimedia advertising campaign and are calling for restrictions comparable to what producers of combustible tobacco products face.
- Altria Chairman and CEO Howard Willard III [shared](#) during the company's annual shareholders meeting that investments in the e-cigarette and cannabis industries are positioning Altria for future growth.

## Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of youth survey data [found](#) that 18.3 percent of 6th through 12th

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graders reported exposure to secondhand e-cigarette aerosol in public places, with exposure being associated with increased susceptibility to use e-cigarettes and combustible cigarettes.

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of PATH study data [concluded](#) that cannabis use is positive correlated with cigarette smoking initiation among non-smokers, and is negatively correlated with smoking cessation among existing smokers.

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