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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- Slides and a recording from the third and final session in the TCN and Public Health Law Center virtual series exploring tobacco preemption are now available on the [Resources](#) tab of the TCN website along with materials from the rest of the virtual series.

Happy Anniversary!

In the first newsletter of each month, TCN recognizes 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!

- **Natalya Verscheure (CO)** – 5 years.
- **James Kerrigan (WV)** – 4 years.
- **Amanda Mortensen (NE)** – 4 years.
- **Emily Moores (ME)** – 2 years.

Partner Announcements

- **American Cancer Society** [released](#) their annual “How Do You Measure Up?” report, which looks at

*The twice monthly **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

[Tobacco Retail Licensing and Youth E-Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Use](#) – Geographic Health Equity Alliance and Counter Tools
Aug. 21, 1-2 PM
ET|*Registration Required*

[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#) – National Network of Public Health Institutes
Minneapolis
Aug. 27-29|*Registration Required*

[2019 State of Black Health Community Forum](#) – NAATPN, Inc.
New Orleans, LA
Sept. 19|*Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

If you are aware of any funding opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial

state policies that effectively prevent cancer. This year's report includes a special section on Tobacco 21 policy.

- **WHO** [published](#) their annual report on the global tobacco epidemic, which focuses on the world population covered by different comprehensive tobacco control measures.
- **FDA Center for Tobacco Products** made a number of announcements:
 - FDA is [seeking](#) public comment by Oct. 4 on their [announcement](#) to add 19 new substances to their list of harmful and potentially harmful constituents found in tobacco products.
 - FDA [sent](#) warning letters to four tobacco companies, alleging that a combined 44 products do not have the required marketing authorization to be sold in the United States.
 - FDA [announced](#) that they're still collecting and analyzing reports of seizures following e-cigarette use to determine what specific e-cigarette related risk factors, if any, could put consumers at risk for seizure.
 - FDA [published](#) a series of four video interviews with researchers describing why their work relating to tobacco control is important to public health and to themselves.
 - FDA and NIH [announced](#) nine awardees of Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science grants through 2022.

State News

- State health agencies in **Wisconsin** and **Illinois** are [responding](#) to a total of 14 youth and young adult hospitalizations linked

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Job Listings

[Tobacco Prevention & Control Program & Policy Specialist Wisconsin Department of Health Services Madison, WI](#)

[Tobacco Control Program Grants Manager Vermont Department of Health Burlington, VT](#)

[Executive Director Counter Tools Carrboro, NC](#)

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

to e-cigarette use.

- **Connecticut** Attorney General William Tong [announced](#) that he sent a civil investigative demand to JUUL Labs to learn more about the company's marketing practices.
- San Francisco, **California** [faces](#) complex legal and regulatory questions as they look to enforce a forthcoming law that will prohibit residents from purchasing e-cigarette products online, including from vendors located outside of the city.

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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In the News

- James Monsees, co-fonder of JUUL Labs, [testified](#) before a two-day convening of the House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee in which subcommittee members accused Monsees' company of targeting children and teens in their marketing.
- *The New York Times* [published](#) an op-ed written by former FDA Commissioners David Kessler, who states that the design and flavoring of JUUL products makes them more easy to use by underage consumers.
- Emerging research is [continuing](#) to shed light on the potential health impacts of e-cigarettes, such as recent findings on the presence of harmful acetals in e-liquids.
- The increase of youth e-cigarette use [continues](#) to pose challenges for parents, pediatricians, and school administrators as they try to address the impacts of nicotine addiction in young people.
- *Gallup* polling has [indicated](#) that 15% of Americans smoked cigarettes in the past week, an all-time low for this survey, compared to 12% of adults reporting

marijuana smoking and 8% of adults reporting vaping in the past week.

Research

- A *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* analysis of 2013-2018 e-cigarette sales data [found](#) that 74.7% of dollars spent on e-cigarettes in 2018 were used to purchase products with a nicotine concentration greater 4 mg/mL, compared to 12.3% of dollars spent on e-cigarettes in 2013.
- An experiment published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [concluded](#) that former cigarette smokers who become daily e-cigarette smokers translate their nicotine dependence to e-cigarettes, and that abstaining from e-cigarette use can cause tobacco withdrawal symptoms.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of local tobacco 21 policies and smoking data for 18- to 20-year-olds between 2011 and 2016 [concluded](#) that having a tobacco 21 policy cover a young adult's metropolitan area was associated with a 3.1 percentage point reduction in smoking prevalence.

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