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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- A recent ASTHO blog post on substance use among pregnant women [features](#) insights from TCN Chair Frances Limtiaco, who spoke about the challenges of addressing the racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities of tobacco use among pregnant women.
- Program managers and Funders Alliance leads are strongly encouraged to take the TCN member survey that will be emailed to you by this Friday, Jan. 31. The survey should take 10-15 minutes to complete, and your input will help inform the Executive Committee on how to best support state and territorial tobacco control programs now and into the future.

Help Your Peers Requests

Adult Tobacco Survey Technical Support

Deadline: Feb. 4

The DC Department of Health is currently in the process of preparing a solicitation to conduct its first Adult Tobacco Survey (ATS). CDC does not provide technical support, and DC is interested in knowing about other states' experiences with the ATS. They would like to know which states have

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Upcoming Events

[Public Advisory Committee Meeting of the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee](#) – FDA Center for Tobacco Products
Silver Spring, MD
Feb. 14, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. ET
| *Save the date*

[Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco 26th Annual Meeting](#) – Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco
New Orleans, LA
March 11-14 | *Registration required*

[11th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit](#) – National Indian Health Board
Omaha, NE
March 17-19 | *Registration required*

[Public Comment Opportunity:](#)

conducted ATS recently, and if these states are willing to share their contracts with the DC Department of Health.

E-Cigarette Taxation Alternatives and Consumption Data

Extended Deadline: Feb. 11

E-cigarettes are not taxed as a tobacco product in Oklahoma. The only tax is a sales tax, which makes it impossible for Oklahoma to determine product consumption. They are not sure if the state would be willing to tax the products as a tobacco product, so they are looking for alternatives. Have any other states gathered consumption data or made legislative changes to capture the amount of e-cigarettes being sold? There is data from Nielsen in regards to UPC numbers, but Oklahoma would like something they could collect similarly to how they collect tobacco sales.

If you have any information to share or know someone who does, please reply to tcn@astho.org and we will pass your insights along to the person who submitted the request and to other TCN members interested in learning more.

Partner Announcements

- To provide technical assistance on the youth e-cigarette epidemic, **ASTHO** [published](#) a document, “E-Cigarette Policy Options for States,” that provides background research, policy examples, and examples of industry-supported language regarding eight e-cigarette policy priorities.
- **U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams** [announced](#) the publication of a comprehensive new report on tobacco cessation, which updates the public health evidence base on the most effective individual, health system, and population-level strategies to encourage tobacco product users to quit and promote the health benefits of remaining tobacco-free.

[Achieving Health Equity in the Advancement of Tobacco Control Practices](#) – CDC
March 23 | *Comment deadline*

[Eliminate Tobacco Use Mid-Atlantic Summit](#) – University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA
April 13-14 | *Registration required*

[The 14th Reduce Tobacco Use Conference](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
Alexandria, VA
April 19-21 | *Registration required*

[Nicotine Dependence Conference & National Summit on Smokeless Tobacco Prevention 2020](#) – Mayo Clinic
Rochester, MN
May 18-20 | *Registration required*

[State of Black Health Conference](#) – National African American Tobacco Prevention Network
Charlotte, NC
Sept. 1-3 | *Registration required*

Funding Opportunities

If you are aware of any funding opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please reach out to tcn@astho.org.

Job Listings

If you are aware of any job opportunities relating to tobacco prevention and control, please reach out to tcn@astho.org.

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- **CDC's Office on Smoking and Health** [extended](#) the application deadline to Jan. 29 for its 2020 Leadership and Sustainability School, which is open to state health agency and Funders Alliance organization staff.
- **CDC** [welcomes](#) public comments through March 23 regarding ways to achieve health equity through tobacco control by identifying and eliminating disparities in tobacco use and secondhand emission exposure.
- According to new data [published](#) by the **American Cancer Society**, the U.S. cancer death rate [dropped](#) 2.2 percent between 2016 and 2017—the largest one-year decrease ever observed—driven largely by declining lung cancer deaths.
- **FDA** [released](#) a new compliance webinar on grandfathered tobacco products and [announced](#) that it is expanding the scope of its “The Real Cost” youth tobacco prevention campaign to highlight stories of teens addicted to nicotine due to e-cigarette use.
- **CDC** [reports](#) that, as of Jan. 28, it has identified 2,711 cases of e-cigarette, or vaping, product use-associated lung injury (EVALI) across all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and two U.S. territories, including 60 associated deaths across 27 states and Washington, D.C. CDC notes that vitamin E acetate appears to be associated with EVALI, but that there may be more than one cause of the outbreak.
 - A CDC *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* [updates](#) information on the products connected to EVALI patients, finding that 82 percent reported THC product use.
 - A CDC *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* investigating product use among Illinois EVALI patients [found](#) that the nine recorded patients who didn't use THC products were more likely to be older and

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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

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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female and experience different symptoms from the 112 patients who reported using THC products.

- A **CDC** analysis of national tobacco use data published in *Preventing Chronic Disease* [concluded](#) that the onset of regular smoking between ages 18 and 20 was associated with greater nicotine dependence and lower odds of attempting to quit.

State News

- **New Jersey** Governor Phil Murphy [signed](#) a bill that will prohibit the sale of all flavored e-cigarette products. Menthol cigarettes are not included in the final version of the bill, and will be considered by lawmakers later this session.
- A *Tobacco Control* evaluation of the **Hawaii** tobacco 21 policy [found](#) that the law's implementation in June 2016 is correlated with a 4.4 percent reduction in cigarette sales and significantly lower cigar sales.

In the News

- According to research [published](#) in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, adults aged 18-44 who smoked or vaped were three times more [likely](#) to have a stroke as similarly-aged adults who didn't use tobacco products.
- Senators Patty Murry and Maria Cantwell [sent](#) a letter to FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn encouraging him to implement a more comprehensive policy on restricting flavored e-

cigarette products.

- According to an internal FDA report, JUUL Labs [received](#) approximately 2,600 customer complaints of adverse health effects related to use of the company's e-cigarette products between June 2015 and Sept. 2018.

Research

- A longitudinal analysis of nationally representative Monitoring the Future youth data published in *Tobacco Control* [found](#) that between 2000 and 2018, declines in youth cigarette smoking can be linked to declines in adolescent recreational use of amphetamines, tranquilizers, and opioids.
- A *Tobacco Control* data analysis [concluded](#) that by the final study follow-up, 67 percent of surveyed LGBT youth were aware of FDA's "This Free Life" LGBT tobacco-free campaign, and that the advertisements' perceived effectiveness differed by LGBT identity.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of National Youth Tobacco Survey data [found](#) that in 2018, almost three-fourths of youth who reported e-cigarette use in the past 30 days reported past or concurrent use of another tobacco product.
- A longitudinal study published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [concluded](#) that young adult women with lower body esteem were at higher risk of using e-cigarettes to try to control their weight.

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