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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- Please [join](#) the TCN Emerging Issues Workgroup on Thursday, March 25, from 12-1 p.m. ET for presentations and a discussion of current efforts in Wisconsin to support youth in quitting tobacco and e-cigarette use.
- On March 29 from 3 to 3:30 p.m. ET, the TCN is [convening](#) an audio only deskside briefing featuring Taslim van Hattum, Senior Director for the National Council for Behavioral Health, and Rebecca Padilla, National Manager of Tobacco Programs for the American Lung Association, sharing best practices and resources on how state and territorial tobacco control programs can support the integration of tobacco cessation treatment in behavioral health and substance misuse treatment settings.

Help Your Peers Requests

Strategic Planning During Medicaid Expansion

Deadline: March 25

Does anyone have experience moving tobacco cessation strategic planning forward within a state that is in the middle of Medicaid expansion?

*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

[Integrating Tobacco Cessation into Behavioral Health and Substance Misuse Treatment Settings](#) – TCN

Virtual Deskside Briefing
March 29, 3-3:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[COVID-19 TechXpo](#) – ASTHO
Virtual Conference
March 31 | *Registration required*

[Clear the Vapor Conference 2021: The Way Forward](#) – Parents Against Vaping E-Cigarettes
Virtual Conference
April 7 | *Registration required*

[Eliminate Tobacco Use Summit 2021](#) – MD Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas System
Virtual Conference
April 14-15 | *Registration*

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

- **ASTHO** [published](#) a narrated presentation based on the TCN virtual deskside briefing that featured Traci Kennedy from the **Americans Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation** sharing best practices on how to encourage tribal and non-tribal casinos to adopt voluntary smokefree policies.
- **CDC** and **FDA** [collaborated](#) on a research correspondence published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* which highlights disposable e-cigarettes as an emerging public health challenge for youth.
- **Public Health Law Center** [published](#) a copy of the citizen petition supplement it submitted to FDA this past January, which outlines in great detail why the agency should prohibit menthol as an additive to cigarettes.
- **Truth Initiative** published a [report](#) on the detrimental impacts of e-cigarette waste on the environment and launched an [informational web page](#) on flavored tobacco policies.
- **FDA** [announced](#) that it sent an additional 13 warning letters to e-cigarette manufacturers for illegally marketing products without submitting the required premarket tobacco product applications. FDA also [announced](#) that it sent four letters to e-cigarette manufacturers to request more information about their social media practices.
- In recognition of International Women's Day, **Action on Smoking and Health** [shared](#) a popular TikTok video documenting historical

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[ToPCon: A Commercial Tobacco Prevention Conference](#) – Rede Group Virtual Conference
May 11-12 | *Registration required*

[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#) – National Network of Public Health Institutes
New Orleans
June 28-30, 2022 | *Save the date*

Funding Opportunities

If you know of any funding opportunities that would be of interest to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please pass those along to tcn@astho.org.

Job Listings

[Director of Tobacco Control & Prevention and Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco Free Living](#)
Louisiana Public Health Institute
New Orleans

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

examples of tobacco companies using stereotypes and targeted messaging to market their products to women.

- ASTHO has announced Micky Tripathi, national coordinator for health information technology at HHS, as our closing speaker for the COVID-19 TechXpo! Join Tripathi and other experts on March 31 to learn how we can bridge the gap between public health and technology in the COVID-19 response. Learn more and register [here](#).



State News

- A CDC-led analysis of JUUL pods collected from 16 **California** high schools published in *Journal of Adolescent Health* [found](#) that 24 of 26 pods collected had a nicotine concentration outside the prediction intervals based on advertised 3% and 5% concentrations.
- An editorial in *The Salt Lake Tribune* [overviews](#) how tobacco retailers have been able to circumnavigate **Utah** state laws intended to reduce retailer density near schools.

In the News

If you know of any state, local, or national news items that would be of interest to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please pass those along to tcn@astho.org.

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.



Research

- An analysis of Youth Risk Behavior Survey data published in *Tobacco Control* [found](#) that state level e-cigarette inclusive smoke-free policies were associated with a decrease in youth e-cigarette prevalence between 2017 and 2019.
- A *Tobacco Control* modeling estimate of the harms attributable to menthol cigarettes in the United States [concluded](#) that between 1980 to 2018, menthol use was responsible for slowing the decline of cigarette use prevalence by 2.6%, resulting in 10.1 million extra smokers, three million life years lost, and 378,000 premature deaths.
- A *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* analysis of cross-sectoral multi-site data from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System [found](#) that from 2016 to 2017, 1.1% of pregnant women in 38 states used e-cigarettes in the final three months of their pregnancy, 62.3% of whom were dual users of tobacco products.

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