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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- The next TCN virtual event, “Mythbusters: Debunking Misconceptions About Menthol,” is taking place on June 2 at 3 p.m. ET and is now [open](#) for registration. This TCN Coffee Chat will feature Delmonte Jefferson, Executive Director of The Center for Black Health & Equity; Mike Merissa, Staff Attorney at the Public Health Law Center; and Caroline Goncalves Jones, Director of Advocacy and Outreach for Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Partner Announcements

- **The Center for Black Health & Equity** [published](#) a factsheet rebutting industry-supported talking points critical of the recent FDA announcement to eventually ban the sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars nationwide.
- **Public Health Law Center** [published](#) a factsheet responding to tobacco industry misinformation and an [article](#) overviewing next steps after FDA’s announcement on the regulation of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars.
- **FDA Center for Tobacco Products** [posted](#) an update on the progress of its premarket tobacco

*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

[World No Tobacco Day 2021: Commit to Quit](#) – World Health Organization
May 31

[Mythbusters: Debunking Miscommunications About Menthol](#) – TCN
Virtual Coffee Chat
June 2, 3-3:45 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Virtual Training](#) – Duke-UNC
Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Program
Virtual Training
June 7-15 | *Registration Required*

[Public Health Roadmap: Promoting Tobacco Use Dependency Treatment in Behavioral Health Settings](#) – ALA
June 10, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

product application process, including a complete list of the six million products with a timely application submitted.

- **ChangeLab Solutions** [published](#) a comprehensive factsheet that explores how to address tobacco-related health inequities through point-of-sale policies.
- The following updates come from **ASH**:
 - In recognition of the upcoming **WHO** World No Tobacco Day, **ASH** [published](#) a report that frames tobacco cessation programs as a component of the right to health that governments worldwide should strive to guarantee to their citizens.
 - **ASH** [posted](#) a recording of a web convening with partners from **AATCLC**, **Public Health Law Center**, **AMA**, and the law firm Pollock Cohen LLP to discuss how the recent FDA announcement on menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars impacts the ongoing litigation against the agency.
- **Counter Tobacco** [launched](#) its annual photo contest, which is accepting submissions that catalogue tobacco industry marketing strategies until June 14.
- **ALA** [updated](#) its glossary of terms for tobacco cessation coverage and health insurance.
- Quit the Hit, an Instagram-based vaping cessation program designed for young people, was [launched](#) by **Rescue Agency** in partnership with **Hopelab** and the **University of California, San Francisco**.

[Deemed Product Review: A Conversation with the Center for Tobacco Products Office of Science](#) – FDA Center for Tobacco Products

Virtual Meeting
June 11, 1-3:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Women Quitting Smoking: Challenges Throughout the Lifespan](#) – Mayo Clinic

Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
June 23, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Burned and Baked: Implications and Effective Treatment Strategies of Tobacco and Marijuana](#) –

Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
July 19, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Health at any Age: Supporting Cessation Later in Life](#) – Mayo

Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
Aug. 31, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training and Certification](#) –

Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
Sep. 28-30 | *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training and Certification](#) –

Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
Nov. 8-10 | *Registration Required*

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

Network of Public Health Institutes

State News

- An evaluation of the **California** state tobacco 21 policy published in *Preventive Medicine* [found](#) that an 11% annual decrease in statewide ever smoking prevalence among 18-20 year-olds increased to 26% each year in the three years following the policy's implementation.
- **Florida** governor Ron DeSantis [signed](#) into law a policy that implements tobacco 21 statewide but preempts localities from adopting regulations on combustible products and e-cigarettes, to the disappointment of public health advocacy groups.
- An **Oklahoma** study of 1,354 smokeless tobacco retailers published in *Frontiers in Public Health* [measured](#) the prevalence of youth promotion, price promotion, and storefront advertising of these products, and concluded that convenience stores were more likely than other retailers to participate in these youth-oriented marketing strategies.

In the News

- Nathaniel Brooks, pastor of Greater St. John Baptist Church in Powderly, Alabama, is one of many Black faith leaders who [participated](#) in The Center for Black Health and Equity's [No Menthol Sunday](#) on May 16 by sharing tobacco-free messaging with his parishioners.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* systematic review and meta-analysis comprising approximately 7,000 individuals [concluded](#) that there's sufficient evidence to infer a positive causal relationship

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

[Senior Program Manager \(Half-Time\)](#)

North American Quitline Consortium
Telecommuting Position

[Health Communication Director, Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch](#)

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Raleigh, 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

between secondhand smoke exposure and odds of oral cancer.

- An analysis of federally funded health center patients published in *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* [found](#) that 19.2% of patients were former smokers and 28.1% of patients were current smokers, 79.0% of whom reported wanting to quit in the past 12 months.
- An *Addictive Behaviors* research synthesis [concluded](#) that data on young adult e-cigarette cessation is limited, and that more research is needed, especially as it relates to substance co-use (e.g., e-cigarette and cannabis use).

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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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