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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

TCN [published](#) a new materials packet, available on the [Resources tab](#) of the TCN website, that summarizes the expert presentations from five recent virtual events from partner organizations relating to the intersection of health equity and tobacco control policy and advocacy.

Help Your Peers Request

Youth E-Cigarette Prevention RFPs

Deadline: July 26

MN is looking for sample RFPs for marketing services for marketing and communications campaigns that focus on youth prevention of e-cigarette use. They're specifically interested in RFPs for services that include heavy youth engagement and leadership components. Does anyone have any samples they'd be willing to share?

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.

Happy Anniversary!

*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

[Improving Access to Tobacco Cessation Treatment in North Dakota's Medicaid Program: Efforts to Recognize Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialists](#) – ALA Webinar
July 14, 2-3 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*

[Lessons Learned from a Lung Cancer Screening Program: Shared Decision Making, Smoking Cessation & Adherence](#) – American College of Radiology

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!

- **Kathleen Arnold-Lewis (USVI)** – 7 years.
- **Farrah Lesa (AS)** – 4 years.
- **Valentina Adamova (RI)** – 2 years.

Partner Announcements

- **CDC/OSH** [published](#) a new web page with detailed information on smoking cessation medications and how to use them to quit smoking.
- The following announcements come from **Truth Initiative**:
 - A recent Truth Initiative article [features](#) videos from four young people discussing why it's important to take regulatory action on flavored e-cigarettes.
 - A Truth Initiative report [overviews](#) the ways in which the LGBT community is disproportionately impacted by tobacco use, and discusses the targeted industry marketing this community has faced since the 1990s.
- The following announcements come from **FDA Center for Tobacco Products**:
 - FDA [updated](#) publicly available metrics on the number of tobacco product applications it received by the September 2020 deadline and is currently considering.
 - FDA [posted](#) a recording of its June 11 presentation in which FDA/CTP officials discussed the center's ongoing review of

Webinar
July 28, 12-1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program: Five Year Evaluation](#) – National Native Network and the IHS Clinical Support Center
Webinar
Aug. 18, 3-4 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
Sept. 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
New Orleans
June 28-30, 2022 | *Save the Date*

Funding Opportunities

If you know of any funding opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please send those to us at tcn@astho.org.

- tobacco manufacturer applications and answered questions from participants.
- FDA [released](#) substantive equivalence application materials from Philip Morris for its IQOS3 system holder and charger, and is inviting public comments into the Federal Register through Aug. 2.
- FDA [shared](#) an update on warning letters the agency has sent to sellers of unauthorized e-cigarette products, now totaling 131 manufacturers selling a total of nearly 1.5 million products.

- **AHA** [published](#) a comprehensive toolkit and several other resources, including summary factsheets and social media content, relating to tobacco retail licensure and its impact on tobacco control policy and enforcement.
- The **National LGBT Cancer Network** and **Nuestras Voces** [collaborated](#) to publish a series of cancer and health related awareness cards in Spanish to raise awareness of these issues among Spanish-speaking members of the LGBTQ+ community.
- **ASH** [launched](#) a podcast, Real Talk Tobacco, with its inaugural episode featuring ASH leaders Laurent Hubert and Chris Bostic discussing the organization's accomplishments and overviewing current tobacco endgame policies.

State News

- The **Connecticut** state Senate [killed](#) a bill that originally sought to prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products after the remaining language covering flavored e-cigarettes was further weakened with numerous loopholes and exceptions.

Job Listings

[Chronic Disease Prevention Manager III](#)

Texas Department of State Health Services
Austin, TX

[Director of Community Programs](#)

Indiana State Department of Health
Indianapolis, IN

[Research Scientist 5 \(Director, Statewide Tobacco Control Program\)](#)

New York Department of Health
Albany, NY

[Senior Manager, Advocacy – Tobacco Control](#)

American Lung Association
Brookfield, WI

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

- **Louisiana** Governor John Bel Edwards [signed](#) into law a bill that will raise the purchase age of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, from 18 to 21.
- An evaluation of the 2017 **California** law that increased cigarette taxes by \$2 per pack published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [concluded](#) that the tax increase was inversely correlated with smoking prevalence in all racial and ethnic groups, especially among lower and middle income Californians.
- Three social media advertisements from the **North Carolina** tobacco control program [are now available](#) for free on the CDC's Media Campaign Resource Center.

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.



In the News

- In the first court settlement between a state and an e-cigarette manufacturer, JUUL Labs will [pay](#) North Carolina \$40 million and will alter its sales and marketing tactics in the state after the state's attorney general sued the company for marketing its products to underage consumers.
- As the FDA's Sept. 9 deadline for reviewing e-cigarette manufacturer applications approaches, and as the company continues to face lawsuits, JUUL Labs is [spending](#) money on lobbying and journal-published research in an effort to prevent a further drop in sales.
- Employees of Atlantic City casinos [marched](#) along the boardwalk to advocate for a permanent tobacco-free gaming policy as New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy lifted the temporary smokefree gaming protections as part of the state's COVID-19 public health emergency on June 30.

Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* systematic review [concluded](#) that smokefree policies covering hospitality venues are associated with a decrease in smoking behavior among young people in most journal literature studies on the topic.
- An analysis of Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health data published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [found](#) that among men, the greatest tobacco use disparities experienced by sexual minorities were apparent in middle adulthood. For women, these disparities persisted from adolescence through middle adulthood.
- A *Tobacco Control* experiment on young adult smokers and former smokers [concluded](#) that observing the use of a JUUL elicited an increased smoking urge, and two-thirds of the study sample chose to smoke a cigarette in a behavioral test.

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