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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- An updated TCN member packet, which provides comprehensive information about the purpose of TCN and the resources that it makes available to its members, is [published](#) on the About Us tab of the TCN website.

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!

- **Valerie Howard (MO)** – 5 years.
- **Carrie Dahlquist (DC)** – 2 years.
- **Charnessa Lizama (CNMI)** – 2 years.

Partner Announcements

*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 Treatment Specialist Training and Certification](#) –

Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
Nov. 9-11 | *Registration Required*

[E-Cigarette Collection and Disposal in Schools: ABCs and FAQs](#) – Geographic Health

Equity Alliance and Public Health Law Center
Webinar
Nov. 17, 2-3 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Making "Upstream" Mainstream: How States are Moving in this Direction](#) –

NACDD
Webinar
Dec. 9, 3-4 p.m. ET

- An **ASTHO** policy blog [presents](#) legislative updates on flavored tobacco products and discusses the inequitable distribution of chronic conditions perpetuated by these products.
- In its 2020 Annual Report to Congress, the **Community Guide** [discusses](#) recommendations for intervention approaches addressing a number of chronic disease priorities, including tobacco control.
- The following announcements come from **Truth Initiative**:
 - The EX Program [released](#) a downloadable tip sheet with answers to 10 common questions on how to handle tobacco-free policies in the workplace.
 - Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy joined Truth Initiative CEO and President Robin Koval and activist Daniel Ament to [discuss](#) the youth vaping epidemic and its collision with the youth mental health crisis.
- **Action on Smoking and Health** [published](#) a new Lobbyist Tracker identifying all 994 state-level tobacco industry lobbyist and firm registrations in 2021.
- **Public Health Law Center** [released](#) two webinars on new regulatory challenges driving the youth vaping epidemic and FDA's recent communications regarding e-cigarette marketing applications.

State News

- Minnesota Governor Tim Walz [issued](#) a proclamation naming Oct. 6, 2021 as **ClearWay Minnesota** Day to honor the organization's work in

| *Registration Required*

[Creative Chemistry: Addressing Industry Evasion and Synthetic Nicotine](#) – Public Health Law Center Webinar
Dec. 15, 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

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

Funding Opportunities

[Barclay-Giel Seed Grants](#) – PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health
Deadline: Nov. 12

[Partnerships for Population Health Learning Opportunity](#) – ASTHO

ASTHO, with support from and in partnership with CDC, will assist two state/territorial health agencies in developing or expanding a cross-sector collaboration related to housing or transportation. The participating health agencies will receive technical assistance from ASTHO and CDC, as well as financial support of up to \$10,000 to support health agency staff time, training needs, facilitator fees, or other needs related to cross-sector partnership building.
Deadline: Nov. 29

[Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey and Youth Tobacco Survey \(MDH/OCMP #22-19322, eMMA #BPM026310\)](#) – Maryland Department of Health

reducing tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.

In the News

- The Navajo Nation Council [passed](#) the Air is Life Act of 2021, a comprehensive commercial tobacco smoke-free policy in workplaces, tribal casinos, and other public spaces.
- *JAMA Oncology* [reports](#) that smoking cessation at a younger age can substantially avert smoking-associated cancer mortality risk among younger individuals.

Research

- *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* published a tobacco use treatment experiment involving American Indian and Alaska Natives [concluded](#) that a smartphone cessation application based on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy is effective at encouraging participants to quit tobacco use.
- An online experiment of young adults aged 18 to 29 published in *Tobacco Control* [found](#) that participants who viewed Puff Bar advertisements that include the company's "tobacco-free nicotine" claim reported higher intentions of using the product and reported being less likely to view the product as harmful.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of FDA tobacco retailer compliance checks from 2015 – 2019 [found](#) that a propensity score model was able to predict retail violations, indicating that a model-based approach can be used to identify hot spots of retail violations.

Maryland Department of Health seeks to award a contract to an offeror that can administer three upcoming cycles of the combined Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey and Youth Tobacco Survey in select Maryland public middle and high schools, and provide comprehensive training and technical assistance to state and local partners.

Deadline: Nov. 30, 3 p.m. ET

[Truth Initiative Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program](#) – Truth Initiative

Grants of up to \$20,000 are being offered to community colleges and minority-serving institutions to support the adoption and implementation of a 100% tobacco/vape-free policy.

Deadline: Jan. 20, 2022

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.

Job Listings

[Coordinator of the Chronic Disease GIS Network](#)

Children's Environmental Health Initiative, University of Notre Dame
South Bend, IN

[CEA Level A, Branch Chief, Center for Healthy Communities](#)

California Department of Public Health
Sacramento, CA (telework available)

[Chief of Staff](#)

Maryland Medical Cannabis

- An experiment of Marlboro IQOS advertisements conducted with young adults aged 18 to 30 published in *Tobacco Control* [concluded](#) that smokers and non-smokers reacted differently to advertisements with FDA-sanctioned modified risk claims and advertisements with health warnings.

Commission
Linthicum, MD

[Manager, Rural Adolescent Health](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics
Itasca, IL – Temporarily Remote

[Senior Manager, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning](#)

Louisiana Public Health Institute
New Orleans – Temporarily Remote

[Program Analyst](#)

NACCHO
Washington, D.C.

[Tobacco Cessation Educator](#)

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Lincoln, Nebraska

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

American Lung Association
Brookfield, Wisconsin

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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