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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Help Your Peers Request

Working with Housing Voucher/Section 8 Programs on Smokefree Policies

Deadline: Nov. 30

Are there any states or communities that are working directly with housing voucher/Section 8 programs to increase smokefree housing policies? Thanks!

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.

TCN Announcements

- To avoid publishing during the winter holidays, the next and last 2021 edition of TCN News will be sent out on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Partner Announcements

- Thursday, Nov. 18 was the [Great American Smokeout](#), an annual event organized by **ACS** to promote tobacco cessation messaging and

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Upcoming Events

[Using Policy Surveillance Methods for K-12 Tobacco-free School Policies: Lessons from the Geographic Surveillance Learning Collaborative](#) – The Evaluators' Network
Webinar
Nov. 30, 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
| *Registration Required*

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

resources. In recognition of Smokeout, the **ASTHO Public Health Review Morning Edition** newscast [discussed](#) how the tobacco industry has intervened in state policy efforts to adopt comprehensive flavored tobacco policies.

- **FDA** [announced](#) an amendment to the modified risk tobacco product application for the IQOS 3 System Holder and Charger, with public comments accepted until Dec. 10.
- **NNPHI** [extended](#) the abstract submission deadline for their 2022 annual conference to Dec. 7.
- The following announcements come from **Truth Initiative**:
 - An article published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [reports](#) that local policies restricting menthol and other flavored tobacco products successfully reduced the use and availability of those products compared to areas without such policies.
 - Truth Initiative [recommends](#) adopting a supportive approach to disciplining students for tobacco violations. The [Vaping: Know the Truth](#) curriculum and [This is Quitting](#) program are available to encourage students to quit tobacco use.
 - A Truth Initiative [report](#) provides a comprehensive overview of how nicotine can [worsen](#) anxiety symptoms and amplify feelings of depression. The report notes that the common misconception that nicotine relieves such symptoms may be rooted in the cycle of nicotine withdrawal.
- **ALA** posthumously [awarded](#) the 2021 C. Everett Koop Unsung Hero Award to Simon McNabb, whose efforts to reduce tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure inspired and saved millions of lives.
- An episode of the **Veterans Health Administration** podcast, *Tobacco Unfiltered*:

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

Funding Opportunities

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

ASTHO, 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](#) – Maryland

Department of Health
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

Conversations with Clinicians, [provides](#) actionable takeaways with clinicians positioned to provide tobacco cessation treatments to clients.

State News

- The City Council in St. Paul, **Minnesota** [approved](#) a new tobacco ordinance that establishes a \$10 minimum price for cigarette packs and standard cans of smokeless tobacco.
- Washington County, **Oregon**, the state's second-most populous county, [adopted](#) Ordinance 878, which prohibits sales of all flavored tobacco or synthetic nicotine products.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of survey data from **Minnesota** middle and high school students [concluded](#) that the implementation of a Tobacco 21 policy is associated with lower odds of using cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and any other tobacco product.

In the News

- Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez [signed](#) comprehensive commercial tobacco smokefree legislation to ban indoor smoking in workplaces, tribal casinos, and other public spaces.
- An analysis published in *Tobacco Control* [reports](#) that the United States will miss its 5% cigarette smoking prevalence target established by Healthy People 2030 unless it raises excise taxes up to \$1.37 per pack every year.

[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- and 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

[Communications Specialist](#)
African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council
Remote

[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)

[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)

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* scoping review of 188 studies [concluded](#) that consistent but limited evidence indicates that exclusive e-cigarette users have elevated biomarkers of specific volatile organic compounds, metals, and propylene glycol, with more mixed evidence of biomarkers of other toxicants.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of Monitoring the Future survey data of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders from 2000 to 2015 [concluded](#) that anti-tobacco media campaign exposure was associated with a lower likelihood of youth smoking, with a greater impact observed among youth of lower socioeconomic status.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of survey data from a national representative sample of 13- to 26-year-olds [found](#) that beliefs about the short-term consequences of cigarette and e-cigarette use were more predictive of subsequent use of those products than beliefs around long-term consequences.
- A coding analysis of e-cigarette advertisements from JUUL, Puff Bar, Vuse, and Blu [found](#) that the majority of advertisements depicted non-tobacco flavors, with Puff Bar being the most likely to depict non-tobacco flavors, utilize fruit imagery, and reference positive sensations for appeal.

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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