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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- Happy Holidays from the TCN Executive Committee! TCN News will resume its regular publication schedule on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month starting Jan. 12, 2022.

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!

- **Mandy Burkett (OH)** – 8 years.
- **Jenny Wong (CA)** – 6 years.
- **Christy Knight (AK)** – 1 year.
- **Sierra Phelps (SD)** – 1 year.

Partner Announcements

- **OSH** is looking for the next cohort of participants interested in taking part in the next Leadership and

*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

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

[Healthy and Inclusive Events](#) – The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's National Native Network Webinar
Dec. 15, 3-4 p.m. ET |
Registration Required

[Youth-Led Efforts: Current Trends of E-Cig/Vapes & Tobacco](#) – APPEAL Webinar
Dec. 16, 11 a.m. ET |
Registration Required

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

Sustainability School (LSS). The aim of the LSS is to create a network of leaders across the nation who are willing and able to guide the next generation of commercial tobacco control practitioners into the future. [Applications](#) are [due](#) on Jan. 21, 2022, and the sessions will take place between April and Oct. 2022.

- **OSH, ChangeLab Solutions, and FrameWorks Institute** [published](#) a new training resource to help the tobacco control community use new evidence-based framing and messaging to help shift thinking about commercial tobacco-related disparities and build support for solutions to eliminate them.
- A **Truth Initiative** report [shares](#) the importance of establishing vape-free workplaces, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The report discusses how vaping in the workplace can decrease productivity, pose a threat to employee health, and renormalize tobacco use in public spaces.
- **WHO** [urges](#) countries to accelerate the implementation of comprehensive tobacco control measures outlined in the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The Americas Region has successfully seen the steepest decline in tobacco use prevalence rates with the average rate down from 21% in 2010 to 16% in 2020.

State News

- An ASTHO [case study](#) details how the **Utah** Department of Health leveraged strong relationships with community organizations to release a rule amendment to expand its regulatory authority to include manufacturer-sealed e-cigarette substances.

Institutes
New Orleans
June 28 – 30, 2022
| *Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

[Request for Proposal - Youth Coalition Technical](#)

[Assistance](#) – Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)

The Arizona Tobacco Control Program is seeking to contract with an organization to provide technical assistance and guidance to further develop its statewide anti-tobacco youth coalition, Students Taking A New Direction.

Deadline: Jan. 19, 2022

[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

[Request for Proposal - Tobacco Quitline Services](#) – ADHS

ADHS is seeking a contractor to implement and maintain the state Quitline for Arizona residents (Medicaid, underinsured, or uninsured).

Deadline: Jan. 28, 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

- The City Council of **Denver** [failed](#) to override a veto from mayor Michael Hancock, who rejected a bill that would have prohibited the sale of flavored tobacco products.

In the News

- *The Lancet* [reports](#) the need for increased investment and strengthened policy to drive tobacco elimination to the finish line, as the number of people smoking worldwide and tobacco-attributable deaths decline.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of e-cigarette use and state-level e-cigarette policy [found](#) that living in a state with an e-cigarette product excise tax was associated with a significantly lesser increase of e-cigarette use prevalence between 2014 and 2019 compared to states without such a policy.
- An analysis of 2015–2019 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey data and state tobacco control program funding published in *Tobacco Control* [concluded](#) that a 50% increase in state spending was associated with a 7.46% reduction in high school e-cigarette use prevalence.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of Monitoring the Future youth tobacco use data [found](#) that menthol and non-menthol cigarette smoking declined between 2018 and 2020, and that the disparity of menthol use between Black and non-Black students also continues to decline.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health

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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

Study data [found](#) that misperceptions about health impacts of nicotine are associated with increased odds of quitting attempts but reduced odds of nicotine replacement therapy use and cessation success.

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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