

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!

- **Carol Cramer (KS)** – 21 years.
- **Luci Longoria (OR)** – 9 years.
- **Candace Koshiba (PW)** – 8 years.
- **Braden Ainsworth (UT)** – 5 years.
- **Tera Anderson (FL)** – 2 years.

Partner Announcements

- **CDC Office on Smoking and Health** [shares](#) seven common nicotine withdrawal symptoms and strategies for how to manage these symptoms when a person quits smoking.
- **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids** [reports](#) that despite FDA issuing marketing denial orders for over one million flavored e-cigarette products, many e-cigarette products with large market shares, such as Juul, remain widely available both online and in stores.
- The following announcements come from **FDA**:
 - FDA's Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study [released](#) new Biomarker Restricted-Use data files on urinary nicotine metabolites, metals, enzymatic urinary creatinine, volatile organic compounds metabolites, and oxidative stress.
 - FDA [requests](#) comments concerning the recommendations set forth in a draft guidance entitled "Validation and Verification of Analytical Testing Methods

*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

[Pharmacists Prescribing for Tobacco Cessation Medications](#) – UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center Webinar
Jan. 19, 1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Cessation Technical Assistance Cohort Group](#) – American Lung Association
This cohort will include three 60-minute virtual meetings.
Jan. 27, 2-3 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

[Request for Proposal - Youth Coalition Technical Assistance](#) – Arizona Department of Health and Human Services
ATCP 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 (STAND).
Deadline: Jan. 19, 2022

[Truth Initiative Tobacco/Vape-](#)

used for Tobacco Products” by Feb. 22.

- The **National Institute on Drug Abuse** [published](#) that the percentage of adolescents reporting drug use decreased 4.8% among 12th graders, 11.7% among 10th graders, and 5.4% among 8th graders in 2021, which represents the largest one-year decrease since the Monitoring the Future survey began in 1975.
- **Truth Initiative's** Youth Board Liaison Giana Darville [highlighted](#) the connections between anti-Black racism and tobacco marketing at the Teen Vogue Summit, exposing the tobacco industry's tactics to place more tobacco advertisements in predominantly Black neighborhoods.
- **Rescue Agency** [released](#) its newest ad from the Behind the Haze Campaign: "Off," which portrays how vaping nicotine can negatively affect a teen's mental health by worsening symptoms of anxiety and altering the way one experiences emotions.

State News

- **Massachusetts** Attorney General Maura Healey [announced](#) a \$51 million settlement with e-cigarette retailer Eonsmoke for intentionally targeting young people and ordered the retailer to no longer sell, distribute, market, or advertise any tobacco product to consumers in the state.
- **New York City Council** has yet to [pass](#) a bill banning menthol-flavored tobacco products despite the disproportional impact felt in communities of color and the large proportion of young individuals who start smoking with menthol or other flavored tobacco products.

[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](#) –

Arizona Department of Health and Human Services ADHS is seeking a Contractor to implement and maintain the state Quitline for Arizona residents who are trying to quit using tobacco.

Deadline: Jan. 28, 2022

[Become a Host Site](#) – CDC

Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) PHAP, a two-year, competitive, paid, on-the-job training program for early-career public health professionals, is accepting host site applications.

Deadline: Feb. 18, 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

[Public Health Analyst II](#)

Vermont Department of Health
Burlington, VT

[Youth Tobacco Specialist](#)

Nebraska Department of Education
Lincoln, NE

[Tobacco Cessation Educator](#)

Nebraska Department of

In the News

- CBS News [highlights](#) innovations that have allowed Puff Bar to avoid FDA regulations such as its "tobacco-free nicotine" formula, prompting Illinois Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi to consider legislation to clarify the government's role in regulating synthetic nicotine.
- HealthDay [warns](#) of "wellness" vaping products that claim to alleviate health problems such as asthma and ADHD, stating that ingredients may worsen symptoms or cause permanent damage.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* research article [provides](#) examples of how leading tobacco manufacturers and retailers used the Black Lives Matter movement and racial equity in their social media marketing and messaging.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of NielsenIQ Retail Scanner Data [found](#) that in 2020, the average American resided in a location with \$3.08 in cigarette taxes and \$0.34 in e-cigarette taxes.
- An analysis in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* of unit sales and average unit price for cigars from 2016 to 2020 [found](#) that unit sales of cigarillos increased, while unit sales of large cigars and little cigars decreased.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of Nielsen Scantrack sales data for 23 U.S. states [found](#) that by January 2020, dollar sales of e-cigarettes declined 29% from their pre-EVALI peak, while cigarette sales remained largely unchanged.

Health and Human Services
Lincoln, NE

[TPC Data Analyst](#)

Indiana Department of Health
Indianapolis, IN

[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

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

Louisiana Public Health
Institute
New Orleans (temporarily
remote)

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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