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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Help Your Peers Request

Health Centers Addressing Tobacco Cessation Among Pregnant Women/Women of Reproductive Age

Deadline: Mar. 8

Are there any federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) or community health centers (CHCs) in your state that have been successfully addressing tobacco cessation among pregnant women and women of reproductive age? CDC and HRSA are hoping to identify health centers that are doing good work in this area.

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.

Partner Announcements

- **FDA [announced](#)** the postponement of the effective date for the “Tobacco Products; Required Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertisements” final rule to April 9, 2023, following a federal court order.
- **The Center for Black Health & Equity [published](#)** its Health Justice Training Guide, which depicts how colonial suppliers drove racist ideology, how African Americans were specifically targeted by Big Tobacco, and what we can do as a

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Upcoming Events

[Implications of Cannabis Legalization for Quitlines](#) – North American Quitline Consortium
Webinar
Mar. 2, 2-3:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Youth Mental Health & Vaping: Messaging Strategies for Converging Crises](#) – Rescue Agency
Webinar
Mar. 8, 1 p.m. ET |
Registration Required

[Smoke-free Tribal Housing Policies](#) – Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's National Native Network
Webinar
Mar. 30, 3-4 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[2022 National Summit](#) – Eliminate Tobacco Use

community collective to address how health continues to be impacted by myths and stereotypes.

- In a Valentine's Day message, the **National Native Network** [raises](#) the importance of respecting traditional tobacco's sacred and ceremonial use and how quitting smoking can be an expression of love.
- The **North American Quitline Consortium** invites its members and partners to recommend qualified candidates for the 2023 Board of Directors to Board@naquitline.org by March 1.
- The following announcements come from **Truth Initiative**:
 - Truth Initiative [reports](#) on the pervasive problem of normalization and glamorization of smoking and vaping in entertainment media, with more than a third (38%) of top newly released movies in 2020 depicting tobacco.
 - The EX Program [considers](#) tobacco use a diversity and social justice issue due to the tobacco industry's heavy target on Black neighborhoods and the increased risk of tobacco-related deaths among African Americans compared to White populations.

State News

- The city council in Portland, **Maine**, [voted](#) unanimously, 9-0, to ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products. The ban will be in effect on June 1.
- Petitioners in Washington County, **Oregon**, [gathered](#) enough signatures to place Ordinance 878, a ban on the sale of flavored

April 20 – 21, 2022
| *Registration Required*

[National Tribal Tobacco Conference](#) – Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN
May 16 – 17, 2022
| *Registration Required*

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

[3rd National Menthol Conference](#) – The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council
Washington, D.C.
Sept. 28 – 30, 2022
| *Registration Required*

[3rd International Symposium to Advance Total Worker Health®](#) – NIOSH & the Center for Health, Work & Environment
Oct. 11 – 14, 2022

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.

Job Listings

[Director, Center for Tobacco Products](#)
Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring, MD

[TPC Data Analyst](#)
Indiana Department of Health
Indianapolis, IN

tobacco products and flavored synthetic nicotine, "on hold."

In the News

- *Reuters* [reports](#) that a U.S. Federal Trade Commission judge has dismissed a filed complaint aimed at requiring Marlboro maker Altria to sell a minority investment in JUUL, an investment now valued at \$1.7 billion.
- *Politico* [reports](#) on the dangers of synthetic nicotine undermining FDA's efforts and overall jurisdiction to remove flavored e-cigarettes.
- A recent *Journal of the Mississippi State Medical Association* article [recommends](#) tobacco cessation interventions to help incarcerated persons cope with nicotine relapse and reduce the incidence of chronic diseases, following the Mississippi state Department of Corrections' reversal of a comprehensive tobacco-free policy in February 2021.

Research

- A recent *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of data from a 2-site randomized control trial of standard (counseling) vs intensive treatment (counseling plus smoking cessation medication) [reported](#) that cancer patients who chose to use e-cigarettes were less likely to be receiving intensive cessation support.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of 2017 PATH Cohort Study data [found](#) that increased sales in high nicotine e-cigarettes did not translate to more smokers using e-cigarettes to quit. Only 12.6% of

[Tobacco Prevention & Control Manager](#)

Texas Health and Human Services
Austin, TX

[Tobacco Cessation Educator](#)

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Lincoln, NE

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

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

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

smokers reported using e-cigarettes to help them quit, a decline from previous years.

- A recent *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* analysis of 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data [found](#) that adults with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease who smoked had a significantly higher percentage of past-year quit attempts and a significantly lower lifetime quit ratio than their counterparts without the disease.
- A *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* evaluation of four novel nicotine concentration labels (text-based, caution sign-shaped, horizontal stoplight, and vertical thermometer) [found](#) that all new labels were associated with increased perceived addictiveness at higher concentrations and conveyed nicotine strength more accurately than did market labels (mg/mL, percent).

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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