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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Help Your Peers Requests

Contractors Keeping NRT on Hand for Clients Under 18

Deadline: Mar. 24

While the Idaho QuitLine will provide NRT for people under age 18 with a provider's order, they've had a juvenile detention center ask of one of their sub-recipient agencies about ordering NRT to have on hand (which their sub-recipients use for their cessation classes to support people until their QuitLine NRT arrives). Do any states use contractors similar to Remedy Repack to keep NRT on hand for those under 18? The juvenile detention center does have a provider on-site who could write an order for NRT if their patient needed it.

Youth Cessation Promotion

Deadline: Mar. 24

Ohio is interested in hearing how other states are working to promote youth cessation, especially encouraging youth to enroll in whatever program offered by the state quitline vendor. Any additional information about how local programs (such as grantees) are reaching youth in their communities would be very helpful.

Medicaid & MCOs' Assistance with Quitline Costs

Deadline: Mar. 25

Do Medicaid and MCOs assist with quitline costs in your state? If so, what does that look like? Do they contract directly with the quitline vendor? Do they reimburse your program? Does the program charge a flat fee?

*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

[Identifying and Eliminating Tobacco-Related Disparities: Key Outcome Indicators for Evaluation Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs](#) – CDC Office on Smoking & Health
Webinar
Mar. 24, 2 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*

[Changing the Game Redux: An Updated Playbook for E-cigarette Regulation at the State and Local Level](#) – Public Health Law Center
Webinar
Mar. 31, 12 p.m. ET

Restrictions on Alternative Nicotine Products

Deadline: Mar. 25

Do the laws/ordinances restricting the sales of flavored tobacco products in states/communities also apply to alternative nicotine products such as Zyn, On, or Rogue? Do any of these states/communities have sales data for these products?

ASTHO E-Learning Package: Intersection of COVID-19 and Tobacco Control

Deadline: Mar. 29

ASTHO is interested in learning about state case studies, success stories, and other resources on the intersection of COVID-19 and tobacco control that may be helpful in expanding the tobacco control capacity of state health departments. ASTHO will soon develop an e-learning training package containing resources on messaging relating to the intersection of COVID-19 and tobacco control, made available on the ASTHO Learning Management System and the Resources Tab of the TCN website.

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

TCN Resource Highlight: TCN collaborated with the [Public Health Law Center](#) (PHLC) on a three-part virtual series highlighting preemption as a barrier to achieving tobacco control best practices. Each session featured an expert speaker from PHLC along with state and local case studies.

Virtual Series Part One: Why State Preemption and Local Authority Matter

- [Recording](#)
- [Virtual session slides](#)

Virtual Series Part Two: Tobacco Industry Tactics for Passing Preemption Legislation

| *Registration Required*

[2022 National Summit – Eliminate Tobacco Use](#)
April 20 – 21 | *Registration Required*

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

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

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

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

Funding Opportunities

[2022 Community Engagement Activity Award](#) – African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council
Awards of up to \$3,500 will be offered to six organizations who are working to improve the health of the Black community and want to integrate commercial tobacco control activities into their existing work. This round of funding is open to African American and African Immigrant focused

- [Recording](#)
- [Virtual session slides](#)

Virtual Series Part Three: Moving Forward When Tobacco Preemption is in Effect

- [Recording](#)
- [Virtual session slides](#)

For more information and resources, see the [PHLC webpage](#) on tobacco preemption.

Partner Announcements

- **CDC Office on Smoking & Health** [developed](#) a comprehensive guide that includes a logic model and 54 outcome indicators to identify and eliminate tobacco-related disparities.
- **The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine** [published](#) a comprehensive review on the short- and long-term health effects, patterns of use, marketing and perceptions, and product characteristics of “premium” cigars.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA [issued](#) a modified risk-granted order authorizing Philip Morris Products S.A. to market its IQOS 3 System Holder and Charger with reduced exposure information, which is effective through July 7, 2024.
 - FDA [filed](#) for a substantive scientific review of one modified risk tobacco product application from U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company for Copenhagen Snuff Fine Cut, a loose moist snuff smokeless tobacco product.

organizations based in the state of California.
Deadline: March 25

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 for Health Systems and Tobacco Cessation](#)
Indiana Department of Health
Indianapolis, IN

[Senior Tobacco Control Evaluator](#)
Professional Data Analysts
Minneapolis, MN (remote)

[Tobacco Prevention and Control Specialist](#)
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Madison, WI

[Tobacco Cessation Educator](#)
Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
Lincoln, NE

[Research and Writing Assistant](#)
Washington University in St. Louis
St. Louis, MO

[Health Systems Change Specialist](#)
Optum
Eden Prairie, NM
(telecommute)

[Tobacco Prevention & Control Manager](#)
Texas Health and Human Services
Austin, TX

- **EX Program** [shares](#) that a menthol cigarettes ban offers a valuable window to prompt quit-smoking efforts, with nearly 40% of menthol smokers stating that they would quit smoking if menthol cigarettes were no longer available.
- In a sign-on letter addressed to the FDA, **Parents Against Vaping E-cigarettes** [express](#) deep concern that e-cigarette market leaders JUUL, Suorin, SMOK, and NJOY are still under review and remain on the market without full regulation.

State News

- The **Idaho** House [voted](#) 39-26 in favor of SB 1284, a bill which raises the minimum age for smoking or vaping to 21.
- **Indiana** Health Department and Howard County leaders are [using](#) education to fight nicotine by organizing panel discussions, mandating tobacco education for staff and students, and implementing a checklist for the state to recognize a school as "tobacco-free".

In the News

- An article in *The New York Times* [emphasizes](#) the increased sale of disposable, flavored e-cigarettes, with some companies circumventing federal oversight of tobacco plant-derived nicotine by using unregulated synthetic nicotine.
- A recent study [revealed](#) a significant decline in people calling smoking cessation hotlines, combined with the first increase in cigarette sales 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 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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more than 20 years, increasing by 14.1% over projected totals during the pandemic.

Research

- A *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* analysis of the National Youth Tobacco Survey data [found](#) that e-cigarettes were the most commonly preferred tobacco product in 2021, used by 11.3% of high school students and 2.8% of middle school students.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of data from the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study [reported](#) that among current smokers, daily versus nondaily smoking was significantly associated with being a minor at time of first cigarette use and tobacco-related risk perceptions.
- A *Tobacco Control* assessment of the Global Burden of Disease Study [found](#) that smoking prevalence declines have been largest in the higher sociodemographic countries, falling by more than 40% in some high-income countries and shifting the tobacco epidemic progressively to lower and middle-income nations.

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