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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

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!

- **Gail DeVito (IL)** – 12 years.

Help Your Peers Request

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

Deadline: Mar. 22

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 webpages, fact sheets, or other resources

*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

[Environmental Law as a Vehicle for Protection from Secondhand Smoke](#) – Action on Smoking & Health Webinar
Mar. 10, 12 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Health Justice: In Tobacco Control](#) – The Center for Black Health & Equity Webinar
Mar. 17, 4 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](#)

on this intersection, please share them with us for inclusion in this e-learning package. We look forward to hearing from you!

Partner Announcements

- **CDC** [released](#) a new round of ads for the Tips From Former Smokers campaign, which will run through September 25. The campaign will promote text messaging services designed to connect adults with support to help quit smoking.
- **American Lung Association** [published](#) its Addressing Tobacco Use in Black Communities Toolkit which features a variety of resources to build authentic community partnerships and lead sustainable tobacco control programs to improve health equity among Black Americans.
- **National LGBT Cancer Network** [launched](#) Outlast Tobacco, an LGBTQ+ cessation quitline portal designed to provide community-specific motivation and encouragement to LGBTQ+ people who use tobacco products.
- **FDA** [released](#) a webinar on the agency's plans to advance two tobacco product standards: one to prohibit menthol as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes and another to prohibit characterizing flavors, except tobacco, in cigars.
- **Truth Initiative** [shares](#) how the tobacco industry has reinvigorated its efforts to infiltrate scientific spaces and mislead the public by sponsoring entire issues of prestigious research journals and participating in tobacco control research conferences.
- On a recent podcast, **Counter Tobacco** [shares](#) how point-of-sale pricing policies, including minimum floor prices and bans on price discounts and coupon redemption, can complement

[State and Local Level](#) – Public Health Law Center Webinar
Mar. 31, 12 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

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

[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

tax increases to keep prices high and reduce disparities.

- **YouCanQuit2** [provides](#) service members and others with resources and programs to meet a variety of tobacco cessation needs through its Support Locator. The tool allows individuals to filter results by geographic location, Military Base, Military Service, and type of tobacco product.
- **ChangeLab Solutions**, in partnership with **Counter Tools**, [published](#) a playbook to equip tobacco prevention staff with knowledge and resources on the different forms preemption can take, legal considerations for determining local authority, and strategies communities across the country are using to make progress despite preemption at the point-of-sale.

State News

- The San Leandro City Council in **California** unanimously [approved](#) a ban on the sale of menthol cigarettes, which will take effect in January 2023.
- Rescue Agency [released](#) initial findings from Quit the Hit, an Instagram-based, moderator-led cessation education program, in **South Carolina** to supplement existing cessation support for teens and young adults.
- The **Wisconsin** Assembly [passed](#) a bill which would bring the state into compliance with federal law and raise the minimum age for purchasing tobacco and vaping products from 18 to 21.
- S.B. 1284, an effort to raise the legal tobacco purchasing age to 21 in **Idaho**, [passed](#) the Senate on a 19-15 vote.

existing work. This round of funding is open to African American/African Immigrant focused organizations based in the state of California.
Deadline: March 25, 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

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

[Supervisor, Prevention Grants, and Initiatives \(Job ID: 53403\)](#)
Minnesota Department of Health
St. Paul, MN

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

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

[Health Program Outreach Manager](#)
Lutheran Community Services
Wilmington, DE

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

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

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of state and local flavored tobacco product sales restrictions, [found](#) the comprehensiveness of sales restrictions in the United States varies widely, with most state-level policies (71.4%) categorized in the second-lowest comprehensiveness category.
- A recent *Cancer Prevention Research* article examined tobacco treatment perceptions among Black and non-Black patients attending lung cancer screenings who currently smoke cigarettes. The analysis [reported](#) that Black patients were less likely to report concerns about withdrawal symptoms and more likely to report smoking less now and perceiving no need to quit.
- A *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* analysis of U.S. e-cigarette users with distinguished types of vaping motives (e.g., health, socialization, and dependence), [found](#) that heightened risk perception of e-cigarette users' vulnerability to COVID-19 was inversely associated with use intensity and health motives for vaping.

[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 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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