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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## **NCTOH Ancillary Meetings Calendar**

*If you're hosting an ancillary meeting at NCTOH or are aware of one that we're not listing, let us know about it at [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org).*

Program Managers and Evaluators Meeting – CDC Office on Smoking & Health  
June 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m. CT

NTCP Technical Assistance Meeting – CDC Office on Smoking & Health  
June 27, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. CT

Media Network Meeting – CDC Office on Smoking & Health  
June 27, 1-4:30 p.m. CT

TCN Program Managers Luncheon and Presentation  
June 28, 12-1 p.m. CT

## **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!

- **Ari Skilling (FSM)** – 5 years.

*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**

[Public Health Roadmap: Hospitals Helping People Quit](#) – American Lung Association

Interactive Webinar  
May 11, 2-3 p.m. ET  
| *Registration Required*

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

[The Consequences of a Match Made in Hell](#) – The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council  
Virtual Event  
May 19, 1-2:30 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Addressing Parental Tobacco Use in Pediatric Primary](#)

- **Ellen Cartmell (KY)** – 1 year.

## Partner Announcements

- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
  - FDA [announced](#) proposed product standards to prohibit menthol as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes and prohibit all characterizing flavors (other than tobacco) in cigars.
  - The public may provide comments on proposed rules prohibiting [menthol cigarettes](#) and [flavored cigars](#) through July 5.
  - Mitch Zeller, director of the Center for Tobacco Products, [reflects](#) on his nine-year tenure leading FDA's efforts to reduce disease and death from tobacco use.
  - FDA [issued](#) marketing granted orders to NJOY LLC for its Ace closed e-cigarette device and three accompanying tobacco-flavored e-liquid pods.
- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
  - Truth Initiative [launched](#) Vaping: Know the truth, a free national youth vaping prevention curriculum which gives young people the facts about e-cigarette use and provides resources to quit, alongside the This is Quitting initiative, a first-of-its-kind text message program.
  - Truth Initiative researchers [found](#) that tobacco stores in Washington, D.C. neighborhoods with higher percentages of Black residents had more marketing for flavored tobacco products compared to neighborhoods with lower percentages of Black residents.

[Care](#) – American Academy of Pediatrics  
Webinar  
May 23, 6-7 p.m. | *Registration Required*

[Clear the Vapor 2022](#) – Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes  
May 24 – 25 | *Registration Required*

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

[Comment Period Open: FDA Proposed Rules Prohibiting Menthol Cigarettes](#) – FDA  
Deadline: July 5

[Comment Period Open: Tobacco Product Standard for Characterizing Flavors in Cigars](#) – FDA  
Deadline: July 5

[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  
Bethesda, MD  
Oct. 11 – 14

[Agents of Change Summit 2023](#) – Rescue Agency  
San Diego, CA  
March 6 – 7, 2023

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**Funding Opportunities**

- As stress, anxiety, and depression have shown to improve within 2 weeks of tobacco use cessation, the EX Program is [encouraging](#) workplaces to address smoking stigma in addition to mental health.
- **Public Health Law Center** [released](#) its Tobacco Product Waste Toolkit intended for communities that already license and regulate the sale of commercial tobacco products and are ready to address tobacco product waste through education, advocacy, and, ultimately, policy change.
- **The Center for Black Health & Equity** [released](#) a podcast episode in which host Natasha Phelps provides an update on FDA's announcement to ban menthol in tobacco products and covers how No Menthol Sunday is a helpful tool to get others involved in the fight against tobacco addiction.
- **National Behavioral Health Network** [shares](#) an implementation brief which provides information on how to develop a state tobacco use baseline for individuals with mental health and/or substance use challenges and implement actionable plans.

## State News

- The **Alaska** Senate [passed](#) a bill to raise the legal age to buy and sell tobacco products to 21.
- The San Diego City Council in **California** [voted](#) 7-2 to implement the Stop Adolescent Addiction to Flavored E-Cigarettes (SAAFE) ordinance which bans the sale of flavored tobacco products, effective Jan. 1, 2023.
- A study in the *Journal of Prevention* [found](#) that a cardiovascular disease risk reduction intervention improved rates of tobacco screening and cessation

[Youth Engagement in Statewide Tobacco Control Activities](#) – Maryland Department of Health  
The Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control within the Maryland Department of Health seeks to fund one applicant to conduct a statewide needs assessment on youth engagement in tobacco prevention and utilize the results of the needs assessment to design, launch, and support a youth-led, adult-guided statewide tobacco control movement.

[Request for Proposal - Louisiana Tobacco Quitline Services](#) – Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI) & the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)  
LPHI and LDH are seeking to enter into a grant agreement with a qualified Quitline Provider who can provide a proactive, Statewide, counseling and tobacco treatment telephone-based Quitline and interactive website.  
Deadline: May 13, 2022

[2022 Julius B. Richmond Visiting Lectureship Program](#) – The American Academy of Pediatrics  
The American Academy of Pediatrics is accepting applications for multiple awards of up to \$1,000 to support customized virtual programs focused on educating pediatric health clinicians and other collaborators on protecting the health of children and families by controlling tobacco smoke exposure.  
Deadline: May 31, 2022

*If you know of any funding opportunities that would*

support in small primary care practices in **North Carolina**.

## In the News

- A *Los Angeles Times* article [overviews](#) how the tobacco industry framed the prohibition of menthol cigarettes, the flavor of choice for the vast majority of Black smokers, as a policy that would increase policing in Black communities and create a new layer of racism in America.

## Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of a randomized switching trial [found](#) that the use of both menthol and non-menthol e-cigarettes was associated with high rates of use and acceptability among menthol cigarette smokers.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of Wave 3 of the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health [reported](#) that non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic smokers, as well as those making under \$10,000 a year had significantly higher than average prevalence of the misperception that nicotine causes cancer.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of the Truth Initiative Young Adult Cohort [found](#) that among Non-Hispanic White young adults, having fewer peers who smoke cigarettes is protective against any tobacco initiation, whereas among Hispanic young adults, being female and perceiving tobacco as harmful are protective.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of data from a randomized controlled trial involving

*appeal to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please send those to us at [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org).*

## Job Listings

[Deputy Director, Center for Tobacco Prevention & Control](#)  
Maryland Department of Health  
Baltimore, MD

[Program Director](#)  
Policy + System Change Network  
Aurora, CO

[Commercial Tobacco Use & Dependence Treatment Consultant](#)  
Washington State Department of Health  
Tumwater, WA

[Regional Manager, Region II](#)  
The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living  
Baton Rouge, LA

[Policy Technical Assistance Coordinator](#)  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Madison, WI

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

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

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

smokers with mood disorders [reported](#) that coping with stress predicts lower craving.

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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 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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