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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

The TCN Mentoring Program is looking for mentors! TCN program managers are encouraged to complete the [intake form](#) and take part in this important peer-to-peer learning opportunity as a mentor. At least two years of program manager experience is required.

Help Your Peers Request

Funding an Ethnographic Study on a Tobacco Topic Deadline: September 14

Maryland is interested in funding an ethnographic study on a current tobacco topic, such as menthol use or retailer density. We are interested to know if other states have funded ethnographic studies, including the topic(s), methodologies, scopes of work, and funding levels. We'd also like to know how community members and organizations can be involved in this work.

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

*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

[Pushing Cool: Big Tobacco, Racial Marketing, and the Untold Story of the Menthol Cigarette](#) – Duke University School of Medicine
Webinar
Sept. 20, 5:45 - 7:15 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Livestream Training and Certification](#) – Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Event
Sept. 20-22 | *Registration Required*

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

[How to Support Clients and](#)

- **Donna M. Asbury (NH)** – 20 years.
- **Tiffany Johnson (MS)** – 7 years.
- **Jenn Hamilton (TX)** – 1 year.

Partner Announcements

- A new **CDC** [feature highlights the value of health equity](#), including the opportunity to free communities from the burden of commercial tobacco.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA issued final guidance intended [to help applicants design and conduct](#) tobacco product perception and intention studies that may be submitted as part of a modified risk tobacco product application, a premarket tobacco product application, or a substantial equivalence report.
 - FDA [updated the term](#) “grandfathered tobacco product” to “pre-existing tobacco product” on all of the Center for Tobacco Product’s systems.
 - FDA released [a new Tobacco Compliance webinar](#), which highlights examples of potential tobacco product violations and discusses how to report them through online submission, emailing form FDA 3779, calling CTP, and mailing CTP the form.
- **University of Michigan’s Tobacco Research Network** developed a [new issue brief](#) intended to help organizations offer more supportive, affirming, and effective tobacco prevention and cessation programs for LGBTQ+ individuals.
- The following announcements are from **Public Health Law Center**:

[Your Organization to Become Commercial Tobacco-Free](#) – BreathEasy NC Webinar
Oct. 5, 9 a.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Training School Health Personnel in Identifying Youth Tobacco Use and Supporting Cessation](#) – The American Academy of Pediatrics
Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m. ET | *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 | *Registration Required*

[30th Annual Nicotine Dependence Center Conference](#) – Mayo Clinic
Phoenix, AZ
March 27-28, 2023 | *Registration Required*

[NatCon23](#) – National Council for Mental Wellbeing
Los Angeles, CA
May 1-3, 2023 | *Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

[Tobacco/Vape-Free College Grant](#) – Truth Initiative
This program is offering up to \$20,000 to colleges and universities to support the adoption and implementation of a 100% tobacco- and vape-free campus policy. All colleges and universities that

- Public Health Law Center released an [overview of state laws](#) requiring mental health and substance use facilities to provide tobacco dependency treatment in clinical practice.
- Public Health Law Center updated two factsheets that provide general information on [content-neutral](#) and [time, place, or manner restrictions](#) on tobacco advertising.
- **American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation** announced [an update of the Bridging the Gap: Status of Smokefree Air in the United States report](#). The update included five more state-specific highlights for a total of 17 state reports, as well as current smokefree protections and policy trends across the United States.
- **North American Quitline Consortium** developed a [new orientation video series on cost-sharing partnerships](#) to provide states with the knowledge, resources, and technical assistance to successfully establish partnerships with both private and public insurers.
- The following announcements are from **American Lung Association**:
 - American Lung Association's (ALA) next cohort call series will focus on tobacco cessation treatment coverage for youth. If you are interested in participating, please email ruth.canovi@lung.org. These calls will take place on Monday, Sept. 19 from 1-2 p.m. ET, Monday, Oct. 3 from 1-2 p.m. ET, and Monday, Oct. 17 from 1-2 p.m. ET.
 - ALA and the Ad Council launched [a new series of public service advertisements](#) encouraging parents to proactively talk to their kids about the dangers and health effects of vaping.

do not already have a 100% tobacco/vape-free policy are eligible to apply.

Deadline: Oct. 12

[UpRISE Advocacy Burst Mini-Grant](#)

– Center for Public Health Practice, Colorado School of Public Health
This program is offering a \$1,000 award (for approximately 10 hours of participation) to five youth-serving organizations and/or schools who are interested in advocacy, and willing to introduce youth to tobacco prevention work with a social justice lens.

Deadline: Ongoing basis until April 30, 2023.

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

[Deputy Director for Research Translation](#)

CDC Office of Smoking and Health
Remote

[President/CEO](#)

North American Quitline Consortium
Remote

[Tobacco Program Manager](#)

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas
Fort Scott, KS

[Tobacco/Cannabis Researcher \(Assistant or Associate Professor in the University Tenure Line\)](#)

Stanford University School of Medicine
Stanford, California

[Research Project Coordinator](#)

- **American Academy of Pediatrics**, with funding from the American Heart Association, is providing trainings for school health personnel on identifying youth tobacco use and supporting cessation. The trainings adapt the [AAP “Ask – Counsel – Treat” cessation counseling model](#) into an educational curriculum for school nurses and other school health personnel. We are currently recruiting for two fall trainings, on the dates below:
 - Wednesday, Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m. ET
– [Register here](#)
 - Monday, Dec. 5, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. ET
– [Register here](#)

State News

- Rescue Agency worked with the **Hawai’i** State Department of Health [to develop the ad “Broken Immunity,”](#) which highlights how chemicals present in vapes can deteriorate with the protective layer of fat and cells in the lungs that help with immunity.
- The Bangor City Council in **Maine** voted 6-1 to pass [an ordinance that prohibits the sale, display, marketing, and advertising of flavored tobacco products.](#)

In the News

- Juul Labs Inc. reached [an agreement in principle to pay \\$438.5 million to 33 states](#) to resolve a two-year bipartisan probe into the e-cigarette manufacturer’s marketing and sales practices, particularly claims that it marketed addictive nicotine products to children.
- The New Zealand government introduced [world-first legislation to create a smoke-free generation,](#)

Washington University in St. Louis
St. Louis, MO

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.

installing a steadily rising purchasing age so that teenagers will never be able to legally purchase cigarettes.



Forward to Friend

- According to a Reuters review of retail sales data, flavored disposable vaping devices account for [one-third of U.S. e-cigarette sales](#), up from less than 2% three years ago.

Research

- An analysis of UCSF's Truth Tobacco Industry Documents published in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* found that the tobacco industry used [two primary strategies of distortion and deflection](#) to respond to smoke-free policies in multi-unit housing.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of patients admitted with SARS-CoV-2 infection from November 2020 through January 2021, concluded that former smokers had [greater odds of mortality](#), advanced respiratory support, and mechanical ventilation which was significantly mediated through smoking-related comorbidities.
- According to a *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of data drawn from Waves 1–4 of the PATH Study (2013–2018), pain severity was [associated with a greater likelihood of and faster trajectory](#) to initiating co-use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes among exclusive cigarette smokers at Wave 1 and adults with moderate or severe pain endorsed rates of e-cigarette and cigarette use almost two times greater versus no or low pain at Wave 4.
- A *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment* analysis of cross-sectional survey data from residential treatment clients found that post-intervention aimed at supporting programs in implementing tobacco-

free grounds, [client smoking prevalence decreased by 27.6%](#) while current smokers and those who quit while in treatment reported an increase in NRT/pharmacotherapy.

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