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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.

*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.*

Partner Announcements

- The 2021 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data set is [now publicly available](#).
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - Brian King, director for Center for Tobacco Products, shares plans [to combat youth vaping and build a strong foundation](#) for the protection of public health through tobacco regulation.
 - FDA announced the launch of its [Vaping Prevention and Education Resource Center](#), an online resource center which provides science-based, standards-mapped materials that teachers can use to help students understand the dangers associated with vaping and nicotine addiction.
 - As of Sept. 6, FDA has issued [a total of 44 warning letters](#) to manufacturers and over 300 warning letters to retailers for

Upcoming Events

[How to Support Clients and 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

[Asynchronous, Self-Paced Tobacco Treatment Specialist](#)

- violations in relation to their sale of non-tobacco nicotine products.
 - FDA released a [new Tobacco Compliance webinar](#), “Tobacco Entries: Updated Information for Filing ENDS Products for Import in the Automated Commercial Environment,” which provides members of the import trade community important updates and reminders about filing electronic nicotine delivery systems entries in the Automated Commercial Environment.
- **NACCHO** [released a report](#) on the state of tobacco control and prevention programs at local health departments, using data from the [2019 NACCHO Profile Study](#) and the [2018 Forces of Change Report](#).
- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - A new analysis from Truth Initiative shows the [high cost of the FDA's inaction](#), estimating that nearly 2.5 million youth and young adults (15-24 years old) have started using e-cigarettes for the first time following the missed deadline.
 - According to new research co-authored by Truth Initiative, popular nicotine pouch brands On!, Zyn, and Velo [spent nearly \\$25 million on ads](#) between January 2019 and September 2021, and built on marketing methods that helped recruit a generation of young people to new nicotine-containing products like e-cigarettes.
- **American Lung Association's** next cohort call series will focus on tobacco cessation treatment coverage for youth. If you are still interested in participating, please email ruth.canovi@lung.org. The next calls will take place on Monday, Oct. 3 from 1-2 p.m. ET and Monday, Oct. 17 from 1-2

[\(TTS\) Training](#) – University of Kentucky College of Nursing Cohorts begin on Oct. 12, 2022; Jan. 11, 2023; and March 8, 2023 | *Registration Required*

[Webinar Series on Lung Cancer Disparities](#) – SelfMade Health Network
Nov. 2, 12:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[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 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

p.m. ET.

- **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

- **Alaska's** governor [vetoed a bill](#) that would have raised the minimum age to purchase and legally possess tobacco products from 19 to 21 years old and increased tax on e-cigarettes.
- The Miami Beach City Commission in **Florida** voted [to ban cigarette smoking](#) and other tobacco products on the city's public beaches and public parks.
- A *JAMA Network* analysis of state-level data on [monthly aggregate cigarette sales volumes](#) released for consumption from January 2017 to June 2021 found that monthly cigarette sales per 1000 persons decreased in **Massachusetts** by 350.02 packs and increased in bordering states by 9.51 packs, following the implementation of the comprehensive menthol flavor ban.

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

[Research Project Coordinator](#)

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.

In the News

- Juul Labs sued the FDA over [the agency's refusal to disclose documents](#) supporting its order banning the company from selling e-cigarettes on the U.S. market.
- E-cigarette company Juul will pay [\\$438.5 million to 34 states and territories](#) in a settlement following a two-year investigation into the company's marketing and sales practices.

Research

- An *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology* analysis of state-level live birth data and [county-level municipal smoke-free legislation status](#) concluded that pregnant persons living in counties with comprehensive laws were 9% less likely to have a preterm birth, compared to those living in counties without a smoke-free ordinance.
- An *International Journal of Cancer* analysis of [cigarette smoking-attributable cancer deaths and associated PYLL](#) among individuals aged 25-79 years in 2019 concluded that states with the highest overall age-standardized PYLL and lost earning rates were in the South and Midwest, with the estimated rate for PYLL per 100,000 population ranging from 352 in Utah to 1337 in West Virginia, and lost earnings ranging from \$4.3 million in Idaho to \$14.8 million in Missouri.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis concluded that [cigarettes per day \(CPD\) significantly decreased](#) and IQOS use significantly increased, as did the percentage IQOS HeatSticks that replaced CPD for adult, daily, non-treatment-seeking cigarette smokers newly introduced to IQOS.

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.



- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of electronic health record data from 104,590 COVID-19 patients hospitalized from Feb. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021 found that [vaccination was more strongly associated with reduced mortality](#) among current and former smokers than for never smokers. Among current smokers, NRT prescription was associated with reduced mortality.

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