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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## TCN Announcements

- On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the TCN Executive Committee voted to adopt the [2022-2025 TCN Strategic Plan](#). The strategic plan was drafted by the Executive Committee members during an in-person meeting in July facilitated by Laurie Schulte of The Clarion Group, a business consulting firm. The strategic plan can also be viewed at the bottom of the [About Us](#) page of the TCN website.
- 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. At least two years of program manager experience is required.

## Help Your Peers Request

### Vaping on High School District Buses

**Deadline:** Oct. 13

One of the counties I work with is seeing an increase of vaping on high school district buses. Is anyone else seeing this trend and, if so, how do you handle it? For example,

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

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

[E-cigarettes and Novel Tobacco Products: Use and Cessation](#) – UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center Webinar  
Oct. 18, 1 p.m. ET  
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Control and Prevention in the LGBTQ+ Community](#) – NACCHO Webinar

does bus driver education help? Any ideas would be appreciated!

## 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

- **Sally Herndon (NC)** – 32 years.
- **Sharon Biggers (SC)** – 20 years.
- **Lila Johnson (HI)** – 10 years.
- **Neil Charvat (ND)** – 8 years.
- **Laura Oliven (MN)** – 8 years.
- **Jerilyn Oshel (IA)** – 8 years.
- **Paul Alee (RMI)** – 5 years.
- **Liz Johnson (TN)** – 4 years.
- **Grace Bordallo (GU)** – 1 year.
- **Nicole Lovvorn (AL)** – 1 year.
- **Graciela Marrero Gerena (PR)** – 1 year.
- **Gina Roberts (VA)** – 1 year.
- **Carolyn Thompson (NJ)** – 1 year.

## Partner Announcements

The following announcements are from FDA:

- The Center for Tobacco Products is [requesting nominations](#) for two individuals to serve as voting members on the [Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee](#).
- FDA released a new Tobacco Compliance Webinar, [Tips for Retailers: Preventing Sales to Persons Under 21 Years of Age](#), which overviews the various resources available to retailers that may help prevent the sale of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 21.

Oct. 19, 2 p.m. ET  
| *Registration Required*

[Social Media Influencer Campaigns Webinar](#) –  
BRIGHT Institute and Truth Initiative  
Webinar  
Oct. 26, 4-6 p.m. ET  
| *Registration Required*

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

2022 Meeting of State Commercial Tobacco Control Programs and Local Lead Agency Partners – CDC Office on Smoking and Health  
Nov. 2, 1:30-5 p.m. ET and  
Nov. 3, 2-5 p.m. ET | *Save the Date*

[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

- FDA announced the availability of its [redesigned digital age verification calendar](#) as part of the “This is Our Watch” voluntary retailer education program. Once shared with retailers across the United States through a direct-mail initiative, the calendars will now be available for order via our Tobacco Education Resource Library.

The following announcements are from Truth Initiative:

- Truth Initiative provides an in-depth timeline which uncovers why e-cigarettes staying on the market for years [without undergoing a full review](#) of their public health impact puts a new generation at risk for nicotine addiction.
- With the head-to-toe impact of tobacco use on employee health, the EX Program explains why it’s critical [that employers of all sizes approach tobacco cessation](#) as a core offering.
- According to a Truth Initiative and University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center commentary in *Preventive Medicine*, tobacco control researchers should [consider equity throughout the policymaking process](#) to ensure flavored tobacco policies are effective.

Due to an overwhelming demand from attendees of the first two of their Lung Cancer Disparities webinars, **SelfMade Health Network** [has made access available to presentation slides](#) in the “Supplemental Materials” and “Certificate of Attendance” sections.

The **National Behavioral Health Network** published the recording for its webinar, [Journey to a Tobacco-free Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic \(CCBHC\): A Conversation](#), which features two CCBHC leaders who shared the steps they took to implement a comprehensive tobacco free policy within their organizations.

## State News

\$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. 19

### [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](mailto:tcn@astho.org).*

## Job Listings

### [President/CEO](#)

North American Quitline Consortium  
Remote

### [Tobacco Program Manager](#)

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas  
Fort Scott, KS

### About the Tobacco Control Network

The TCN’s mission is to improve the public’s

- The City of Chula Vista in **California** voted unanimously to [ban the sale of flavored tobacco products](#), which will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.
- A judge in Washington County, **Oregon** [ruled against the county's ban on flavored tobacco products](#), saying it is unenforceable and preempted by state law.

## In the News

- Reynolds Trust announced that it will [divest itself of tobacco interests](#) to better perform their mission to improve communities' health.
- Marlboro maker Altria disclosed that it had [ended its noncompete agreement with Juul Labs](#) Inc., nearly four years after buying a 35% stake in the e-cigarette maker.

## Research

- An analysis of 2019 National Health Survey data published in CDC's *Preventing Chronic Disease* concluded that [a significant decrease occurred in current cigarette smoking](#) among adults aged 45 to 64 years with diabetes during 2010-2019. However, smoking prevalence remains high and relatively unchanged among people with chronic diseases associated with smoking.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of the variation in the minimum legal sales age of tobacco products over time and across counties in the United States from 2014-2018 found that 50.5% of potential smokers in the study population would have been [prevented from smoking during the first trimester](#) if the law prevented selling tobacco products to them in the locality they live.

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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- A literature review published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* concluded that [the risk of offspring overweight and obesity was moderately higher](#) for quitters during pregnancy compared to nonsmokers, although it might not be as high as continued smokers.
- According to *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, a randomized controlled trial in which levels of menthol and nicotine in cigarettes were [manipulated using experimental cigarettes](#) found that after an initial increase, rates of smoking of all experimental cigarettes were at or below baseline rates of smoking of one's own brand.

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