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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## TCN Announcements

- The TCN Executive Committee is calling for nominations to fill the Health Equity Engagement Officer position for the 2022-2023 term. Please submit any nomination(s) to [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org). You are welcome to self-nominate or recommend other TCN members. Roles and responsibilities of Executive Committee members are described [here](#) for your reference.
- ASTHO, in collaboration with CDC/OSH, is issuing a request for proposals (RFP) for the Increasing State Menthol Capacity Learning Collaborative. Up to eight (8) states will be awarded a minimum of \$100,000 each. Details and application instructions will be sent to the TCN membership soon.

## Help Your Peers Request

### **Structuring Cessation Deliverables at the Local Level** **Deadline:** Oct. 27

Ohio currently funds local communities for nicotine cessation efforts. We are interested in learning how other states structure cessation deliverables at the local level, specifically local health departments. Copies of RFPs,

*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

[Highlighting Hispanic/Latino Community Voices Through Multi-Level](#)

[Collaboration](#) – Nuestras Voces Network and National Jewish Health Webinar  
Oct. 26, 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*

[A Closer Look at Prevention and Early Intervention for](#)

workplans, or specific deliverables would be greatly appreciated.

## Partner Announcements

- A recent **CDC MMWR** report shares that among middle and high school current e-cigarette users, [use of disposable e-cigarette devices increased significantly](#) between 2019 and 2020 with 2.5 million (9.4%) of middle and high school students reporting current e-cigarette use.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
  - As of Oct. 7, FDA has issued Refuse to Accept (RTA) letters for [more than 889,000 products in applications](#) and has also accepted over 1,600 applications, with the vast majority being for e-cigarette or e-liquid products.
  - FDA has posted a new webinar which outlines the basics of [the Compliance Check Inspections of Tobacco Product Retailers database](#), including how to use search and export features that improve usability of the database.
  - The U.S. Department of Justice, on behalf of FDA, [filed complaints for permanent injunctions](#) in federal district courts against six e-cigarette manufacturers.
  - FDA announced [the availability and location of newly released data files](#) from the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study, including the Wave 5.5 Special Collection data collected from youth participants ages 13-19 between July and December 2020 and the PATH Study Adult Telephone Survey collected between September and December 2020 from adult participants ages 20 and older.
  - FDA's Center for Tobacco Products [released free social media](#)

[Substance Use in Teens and Young Adults](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Webinar

Nov. 2, 1-4 p.m. ET |  
Registration Required

[What Are They Smoking Now?](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Webinar

Nov. 7, 1-4 p.m. ET |  
Registration Required

[Children and Tobacco 2022: Who's Winning?](#) – American Academy of Pediatrics Webinar

Nov. 15, 12-1 p.m. ET  
| *Registration Required*

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

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## Funding Opportunities

[UpRISE Advocacy Burst Mini-Grant](#) – Center for Public

[animations](#) as part of its adult cessation education efforts which are now available in English and Spanish and can be downloaded from the Tobacco Education Resource Library.

- The Center for Tobacco Products is [requesting nominations](#) for two individuals to serve as voting members on the [Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee](#).
- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
  - The EX Program shares [five factors to consider for ensuring you align with partners](#) who can reliably deliver health benefits to your employees.
  - According to a new Truth Initiative [study published in Tobacco Control](#), none of the warning letters sent by FDA to e-cigarette companies between 2020 and 2021 [covered e-cigarette brands with a large market share](#) and few addressed the e-cigarette product types most used by youth, resulting in minimal impact on accessibility of e-cigarettes.
- The **American Lung Association** is planning its next cohort series which will focus on the opt-out treatment model for treating tobacco addiction. During this cohort, you will hear from experts on what the opt-out treatment model is, how to implement it, and ways it can improve care. If interested in participating in this upcoming cohort series, please complete the [2022 HSC Cohort Series Opportunity Opt-in Form](#) by Wednesday, Oct. 26.
  - Call #1 on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2-3 p.m.  
ET – *Introduction to opt-out, what it looks like in practice and keys to implementation*
  - Call #2 on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2-3 p.m.  
ET – *Ethics, equality and implementation of opt-out*

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

#### [Program Manager III](#)

Maryland Department of Health  
Baltimore, MD

#### [President/CEO](#)

North American Quitline Consortium  
Remote

### 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

- Call #3 on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2-3 p.m.  
ET – *Lessons from the field*

- **ChangeLab Solutions** released a [recording of the Health Equity at the Commercial Tobacco Point of Sale webinar](#) in which speakers discussed ways to embed equity in local policy efforts at the point of sale for commercial tobacco.
- **Counter Tobacco** announced its [annual photo contest](#) in which from Oct. 11 – Nov. 7, you can submit photos documenting the tobacco industry's marketing tactics in the retail environment.

## State News

- The Board of Commissioners in Benton County, **Minnesota** passed an ordinance [to prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products](#) and to prohibit licenses for new tobacco shops.

## In the News

- *Santa Fe New Mexican* published an opinion piece in which college sophomore Anna Grace Hottinger writes about [the perils of sharing the air with students who vape](#), along with her frustration at the marketing of vaping products to young people.

## Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* controlled clinical trial analysis examining switching to very low nicotine content cigarettes (VLNC) between people

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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who co-use cigarettes and cannabis versus smoked cigarettes found that [carbon monoxide was significantly lower only among the cigarette-only group](#) assigned VLNCs, with greater decreases of 2-cyanoethylmercapturic acid (CEMA) emerging among the cigarette-only group.

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of Black adults enrolled in The 2016 Family and Community Health Study revealed that more advertisement exposure in the past month was [associated with higher odds of using cigarillos, large cigars, and hookah](#) with more experiences of racial discrimination being associated with past month cigarillo use, but not hookah or large cigars.
- An analysis in *Tobacco Control* utilizing 2020 ITC Four Country Smoking and Vaping Survey data estimated that a US menthol ban would result in [5,811,550,878 cigarettes per year that would no longer be smoked by smokers who quit](#) and a reduction in littering of 3,777,508,071 cigarettes per year.

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