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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 2022-2024 term. Please submit any nomination(s) to tcn@astho.org by Nov. 14. 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, will soon issue a request for proposals for the Increasing State Menthol Capacity Learning Collaborative. Up to eight states will be awarded a minimum of \$100,000 each. Details and application instructions will be sent to TCN members soon.
- The TCN Mentoring Program is looking for mentors! State tobacco control 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

Pathways/Models That Enable Behavioral Health Facilities To Have NRT

*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

[Illuminating a path forward for Tobacco Nation: Projected impacts of recommended policies on geographic disparities](#) – UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center Webinar
Nov. 10, 1 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

[Assessing and Engaging the Tobacco Retailer Environment in Virginia](#) – NACCHO Webinar
Nov. 15, 3 p.m. ET
Registration Required

Deadline: Nov. 14

Have other states implemented sustainable pathways/models that enable behavioral health facilities to have NRT on hand? Thank you.

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

- **Valerie Howard (MO)** – 6 years.
- **Nicole Aune (MT)** – 6 years.
- **Joy Gray (AR)** – 4 years.
- **Charnessa Lizama (CNMI)** – 3 years.
- **Carrie Dahlquist (DC)** – 3 years.
- **Naseeb Kibria (MD)** – 1 year.

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements are from **CDC**:
 - CDC/OSH published a supplement to the Best Practices User Guides, [Tobacco Where You Live: Mapping Techniques](#), which helps state and local programs prepare to begin a mapping project, create an effective tobacco control map in six easy steps, and learn how programs have used maps to support tobacco prevention and control goals.
 - CDC Foundation published its most recent National Data Brief [highlighting trends in national e-cigarette sales](#) from January 2018 through July 2022.

[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

Funding Opportunities

[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.

- [FDA issued marketing denial orders for several e-cigarette products](#) currently marketed by Logic Technology Development LLC, including the Logic Pro Menthol e-Liquid Package and Logic Power Menthol e-Liquid Package.
- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Truth Initiative [spoke with a student and staff member from the Community College of Aurora](#) to discuss how they adopted the school's tobacco-free policy.
 - Public health leaders and researchers joined Truth Initiative in the latest Truth Initiative Impact Series, [Undermining Scientific Integrity: The Tobacco Industry's Renewed Attack on Research and Reality](#), to discuss how tobacco companies are infiltrating major news outlets and overtly co-opting the language and look of public health organizations.
- The following announcements are from **Public Health Law Center**:
 - Public Health Law Center sat down with the new director of FDA's Center for Tobacco Products, Dr. Brian King, in which they discussed his [vision for the FDA's work and how the public health community's top priorities](#) fit into that vision.
 - Public Health Law Center has prepared a series of mini-case studies which highlight a few U.S. jurisdictions' public health rationale for adopting flavored sales restrictions policies, and the challenges that occurred during the process of adopting, implementing, and enforcing the policy, and lessons learned:
 - [San Francisco's Flavored Tobacco Products Policy: A Case Study](#)
 - [Chicago's Flavored Tobacco Products Policy: A Case Study](#)

Job Listings

[Youth Tobacco Prevention Coordinator](#)

Ohio Department of Health
Columbus, OH

[Project Coordinator, NYC Treats Tobacco](#)

NYU School of Global Public Health
New York, NY

[Postdoctoral Fellow, Innovations Center](#)

Truth Initiative
Washington, D.C

[Department Director](#)

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

[Program Manager](#)

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Sault Ste. Marie, MI

[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

- [Massachusetts' Flavored Tobacco Products Policy: A Case Study](#)
- **American Lung Association** worked with the Ad Council to create #DoTheVapeTalk, [a charming video PSA](#) featuring a dancing dad and his dubious daughter.
- **The Network for Public Health Law** released an [Adult Use Cannabis Social Equity Toolkit](#), which analyzes state laws that legalize recreational cannabis and explores how these laws and policies might support greater equity in participation in the legal cannabis market.
- **CADCA** highlights the [pressure the tobacco industry applies through targeted marketing](#) to promote smokeless tobacco use among male youth in rural communities.
- **Vital Strategies** shares how terms such as "vaping," "responsible drinking," and "natural" are [designed to shift responsibility for risks onto consumers](#), allowing corporations to effectively avoid regulation and to promote products that undermine our health and drive or worsen inequities.

State News

- The Nashville City Council in **Tennessee** passed [an ordinance to prohibit smoking in businesses](#) limited to ages 21+, effectively prohibiting smoking in bars. The law will go into effect March 1, 2023.
- **NYC Health Department** released a new report emphasizing the need [to address the root causes of smoking inequities](#), with recommendations on how to make progress.
- The citywide restriction of tobacco product sales in Brookline, **Massachusetts** to anyone born after Jan. 1, 2000, is [in effect, following the](#)

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.



[Massachusetts Superior Court dismissal](#) of a challenging lawsuit.

In the News

- *HealthDay* overviews the [significant impact a ban on menthol cigarettes](#) can have on smoking rates, especially as menthols make up 40% of U.S cigarette sales.

Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of Medicaid smokers who had previously enrolled in a Quitline and invited to re-engage by mail or telephone found that [9.3% did so within 90 days, compared to 6.3% of a randomly selected comparison group](#), with letters resulting in greater re-engagement than calls.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* systemic review of the Behavior Change Wheel intervention development [process identified barriers/enablers to supporting smoking cessation](#) within the domains of environmental context and resources (lack of staff time); knowledge (ill-informed interactions about smoking); social influences and intentions (lack of intention to deliver support).
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of data from U.S. civilian non-institutionalized adults who self-identified as Black and White and participated in the 1995-2019 Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey [concluded that education-related disparities in current cigarette smoking increased over time](#), especially among Black/African American male and female adults.
- A randomized, controlled study of 1,500 U.S. teen participants published in *JAMA Network*

Open and [discovered that FDA's "The Real Cost" ads lowered the extent](#) to which teens were open to vaping.

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