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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## Help Your Peers Request

### ATS Questionnaire Share

**Deadline:** Dec. 19

OK is working on developing questions for the Adult Tobacco Survey (ATS). Would any other state like to share their ATS questionnaire with us? Thank you!

## TCN Announcements

- Christina Ortega-Peluso (NY) is the newly elected Health Equity Engagement Officer of the 2022-2023 TCN Executive Committee. Please see the [Officers](#) page on the TCN website for a listing of the full Executive Committee for this term.

## 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

[Opt-Out Model: Enhancing the Standard of Care for Tobacco Dependency with Proactive Referral to Treatment Services](#) – American Lung Association  
Webinar  
Dec. 14, 2-3:30 p.m. ET  
*Registration Required*

[Eliminating Commercial Tobacco: The Endgame Approach](#) – Public Health Law Center  
Webinar  
Dec. 15, 2022, 1-1:30 p.m. ET  
*Registration Required*

[RFP Informational Webinar: Improving Social Determinants of Health – Getting Further Faster](#) – ASTHO and NACCHO  
Jan. 5, 1-2 p.m. ET  
*Registration Required*

- **Mandy Burkett (OH)** – 9 years.
- **Jenny Wong (CA)** – 7 years.
- **Christy Knight (AK)** – 2 years.
- **Sierra Phelps (SD)** – 2 years.
- **Courtlandt Fouche (GA)** – 1 year.
- **Jennifer Lee (NY)** – 1 year.
- **Kirsten Skelly (RI)** – 1 year.

## Partner Announcements

- The deadlines for the **ASTHO and CDC/OSH Increasing State Menthol Capacity Learning Collaborative** have been extended. The final proposal deadline is **Jan. 6, 2023, 11:59 p.m. ET**. For updated information, please see the [full RFP](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#). All other application materials including the [Contractor Budget Template](#) and [Contract Terms](#) are also linked below.
- **NACCHO and ASTHO** released a Request for Proposals to fund approximately 20 partnerships between local and/or state health departments and non-profit health systems with a successful history of addressing one or more of the five Getting Further Faster SDOH domains: the built environment, clinical-community linkages, food and nutrition security, social connectedness and tobacco-free policies. To attend an informational webinar to discuss the opportunity on Jan. 5, 2023 at 1 p.m. ET, [register here](#). Applications should be submitted to the [NACCHO Application Portal](#) by Jan. 20, 2023, at 8 p.m. ET. Questions about the RFP can be directed to [chronicdisease@astho.org](mailto:chronicdisease@astho.org). Questions about the application portal can be directed to [chronicdisease@naccho.org](mailto:chronicdisease@naccho.org).
- American Academy of Pediatrics, **American Cancer Society**, **American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network**, **American Heart Association**, **American Lung**

[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

[Increasing State Menthol Capacity Learning Collaborative](#) – ASTHO

Up to eight states will be awarded a minimum of \$100,000 each. For updated information, please see the [full RFP](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#). All other application materials including the [Contractor Budget Template](#) and [Contract Terms](#) are also linked below.

**Deadline:** Jan. 6, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Social Determinants of Health: Getting Further Faster – NACCHO ASTHO

NACCHO and ASTHO released an RFP to fund approximately

**Association, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids,** and **Truth Initiative** [released a statement](#) reacting to a federal judge [opinion](#) blocking implementation of graphic warnings on cigarette packs and advertising ordered by the FDA in March 2020.

- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
  - The EX Program launched a [robust suite of new resources](#) to support parents of youth or young adults who are vaping, including interactive content that provides an overview of vaping terms, guidance on how to talk to a teen or young adult, proven quit strategies, stress management techniques, and more.
  - Truth Initiative stands ready to partner and provide young people with the resources they need to live tobacco free lives. This includes customizing Truth's vape quit program, [This is Quitting](#), for distribution in your state; ramping up awareness of Truth's award-winning vaping prevention curriculum, [Vaping: Know the truth](#); customizing and distributing digital content that leverages the [Truth](#) brand, creative, and expert media buying team; and receiving turnkey solutions for [training and events for young leaders](#). Please contact Christy Hartsell at [chartsell@truthinitiative.org](mailto:chartsell@truthinitiative.org) for more information.
- **North American Quitline Consortium** released a report with [recommendations to the quitline community on best or promising practices](#) for adult vaping cessation in the areas of pharmacotherapy and counselling.
- **SelfMade Health Network** has made available an [on-demand recording of their webinar](#), "Lung Cancer Disparities: Addressing Gaps and Opportunities to Improve Health Outcomes and Health Equity Among Low-Income Populations and

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**Deadline:** Jan. 20, 2023, 8 p.m. ET

[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 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 and/or their partners, please send those to us at [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org).*

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## Job Listings

[Managing Director](#)  
ChangeLab Solutions

Other Populations with Low Socioeconomic Status (SES) Characteristics,” the third installment of their Lung Cancer Disparities webinar series.

- The following announcements are from the **National Behavioral Health Network**:
  - The National Behavioral Health Network published a recording of their recent webinar, “[Incorporating Trauma-Informed Approaches in Tobacco Cessation Services Masterclass Workshop](#).”
  - The National Behavioral Health Network released a new factsheet, “[Youth, Vaping and Stress: What Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Providers Need to Know](#).”

## State News

- The City of Baltimore in **Maryland** filed a [lawsuit against tobacco companies](#) for cleanup costs associated with cigarette filter waste.
- A *Health Behavior Research* analysis [examining retailer compliance with carding before and after T21](#) as well as sales violations after T21 in **New Jersey**, found that although underage sales persisted, failure to card declined post T21 (81.3% to 69.4%), particularly for cigarettes.
- An analysis of weekly retail sales data (July 2015 through December 2019) published in *Tobacco Control* found that predicted average weekly flavored tobacco sales [decreased by 96% from before comprehensive restriction on flavored tobacco sales](#) in San Francisco, **California** to after enforcement, and to very low levels across all products, including cigars with concept-flavor names.

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### 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

## In the News

- Under [a federal court order](#) issued to take effect on Jan. 1, 2023, the major U.S. tobacco companies will soon have to post signs telling the public the truth about the deadly consequences of cigarette smoking at nearly 200,000 retail outlets across the nation that sell cigarettes.
- Tobacco companies are drumming up [opposition to the FDA's proposed ban of menthol](#) and flavored tobacco products by turning to gas station ads.

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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## Research

- A randomized control trial published in *Heart Rhythm* concluded that rats exposed to tobacco or marijuana products exhibited [progressively increased systolic blood pressure, decreased cardiac systolic function](#) with chamber dilation, and reduced overall heart rate variability, relative to the clean air negative control group.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of FDA compliance checks of tobacco retailers with minor-involved inspections from 2015-2019 found that in 2017, [44.3% of zip codes with at least one tobacco retailer had no FDA underage sales inspections](#), with likelihood of having a retail violation of sales to minors higher in zip codes with a lower number of inspections and penalties and a higher number of violations in the previous two years.
- A *Frontiers in Public Health* analysis exploring the language used by British American Tobacco and Philip Morris International around harm, harm reduction, and terms used to refer to newer nicotine and tobacco products, highlighted [overarching themes of individualization, normalization, and regulation](#), capturing how they use particular framings to downplay the role of

transnational tobacco companies in the  
perpetuation of population- and individual-level  
harms related to tobacco use.

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