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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- TCN published a brief discussing how [assurances of voluntary compliance \(AVCs\) allow tobacco control programs](#) to work with Attorney General Offices on tobacco policy enforcement and expand tobacco control program partnerships.

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

- **Carol Cramer (KS)** – 22 years.
- **Candace Koshiba (PW)** – 9 years.
- **Braden Ainsworth (UT)** – 5 years.
- **Tera Anderson (FL)** – 3 years.
- **Elizabeth Cherry Mullens (OK)** – 1 year.
- **Ken Borkowski (MI)** – 1 year.
- **Michelle Harden (NV)** – 1 year.

*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

[Prioritizing Tobacco Treatment in Substance Use and Recovery Masterclass](#) – National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control Webinar
Jan. 17, 2-4 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Equity in Smoke Free Housing: How a Social Justice Approach Shaped a Model Smoke Free Housing Ordinance](#) – Public Health Law Center Webinar
Jan. 25, 1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Train-the-Trainer](#) – CATCH My Breath Virtual Training
Feb. 7, 10 a.m. - Feb. 8, 2 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

Partner Announcements

- A new **CDC** feature article provides support to people who want to [make quitting smoking their New Year's resolution](#). In addition to providing practical tips, the article also promotes free resources to help them be successful.
- **CDC Foundation** has posted its most recent National and State Data Briefs [highlighting national and state trends in e-cigarette sales](#) from January 2018 through October 30, 2022.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - An external expert panel, commissioned to evaluate FDA's Tobacco Program, [released its findings and recommendations to the agency](#) and the CTP leadership will closely review the report's findings to provide an update with next steps by early February.
- A new **Truth Initiative** survey of 15-24-year-olds finds [that two-thirds of disposable e-cigarette users threw their used e-cigarettes in the trash](#), creating large streams of toxic and hazardous waste
- **The following announcements are from North American Quitline Consortium (NAQC):**
 - NAQC released the "[Priority Practices Report](#)", which identifies six high priority best and promising practices for adoption by all state quitlines by June 2023.
 - NAQC published the [Learning Community Series Youth Tobacco Cessation Brief](#) which aims to bring current research-based information on youth tobacco use, state quitline practices for supporting youth in quitting, and issues of importance to the quitline community going forward regarding youth tobacco cessation.

[Asynchronous, Self-Paced Tobacco Treatment Specialist \(TTS\) Training](#) – University of Kentucky College of Nursing Cohorts begin on 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

Social Determinants of Health: Getting Further Faster – NACCHO ASTHO
NACCHO and ASTHO released an RFP 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. Applications should be submitted to the [NACCHO Application Portal](#). Questions about the RFP can be directed to chronicdisease@astho.org. Questions about the application portal can be directed to chronicdisease@naccho.org.

- **American Lung Association** published its "[State of Lung Cancer](#)" report which examines rates of new lung cancer cases, survival, early diagnosis, surgical treatment, lack of treatment, and screening across each state in the country.
- **American Academy of Pediatrics** hosted a webinar featuring Associate Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Jonathan Klein, MD, MPH, FAAP, who [presented on the history of child health and tobacco control](#) in the United States, the origin of the AAP Richmond Center and the evolution of tobacco control at the AAP, and the concept of a tobacco endgame and strategies needed to bring it about.

State News

- The following state news are from **Ohio**:
 - Columbus, Ohio can keep its ban on sales of flavored tobacco products, after Governor Mike DeWine [vetoed a bill that would have put such regulation in the hands of the state](#) instead of local communities.
 - The city council in Columbus, Ohio passed an ordinance [to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products](#), except hookah. The ordinance will take effect January 1, 2024.
- Tobacco Control Branch released its new two-year Master Plan for tobacco control efforts, titled [Achieving Health Equity: Breaking the Commercial Tobacco Industry's Cycle of Addiction, Death, And Environmental Degradation, 2023-2024](#), which serves as a strategic plan for improving health outcomes for all of California's diverse populations.

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.

Job Listings

[Senior Cessation Programs Coordinator](#)
Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Boston, MA

[Director](#)
Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program
Boston, MA

[Program Coordinator IV](#)
North Carolina Division of Public Health
Wake County, NC

[Health Education Specialist](#)
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
Helena, MT

[Postdoctoral Fellow, Innovations Center](#)
Truth Initiative
Washington, D.C

- Executive George Latimer in Westchester County, **New York** [vetoed a bill to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products passed by the Legislature earlier this month](#). The Legislature could override the veto if they get two-thirds of the 17-member board to vote yes.
- City councilors in South Portland, **Maine** [voted 5-2 to enact the ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products](#).

In the News

- In a new op-ed published in the *HPHR Journal*, FDA's Center for Tobacco Products Director Dr. Brian King [discusses one of his key priorities—health equity](#), and explores FDA's unique opportunity to create meaningful change for populations disproportionately affected by tobacco use.

Research

- An analysis of 2019 and 2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health data published in *Preventing Chronic Disease* found that the prevalence of current cigarette smoking is [higher among adults with any mental illness, psychological distress, and major depressive disorder](#) than among those without any mental illness, especially among adults who are non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native, Hispanic, lesbian, gay, or bisexual and experiencing poverty.
- A *Public Health Reports* analysis of self-reported data from the 1997-2018 National Health Interview Survey concluded that from 1997 to 2018, the mean age of starting to smoke cigarettes [regularly](#)

[Project Assistant](#)

African American Tobacco
Control Leadership Council
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 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.

[decreased by 0.4% per 10 years among adults who ever smoked](#), suggesting a positive impact of current tobacco control measures.

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of survey data from sexual minority or gender minority young adults who reported current cigarette, e-cigarette, other tobacco (cigar, smokeless tobacco, hookah) and polytobacco use found that lesbian females (particularly Black lesbian females) had [higher-than-average probability of polytobacco use](#) while White bisexual and lesbian participants had higher-than-average probability of cigarette and e-cigarette use.
- A randomized control trial published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* concluded that among participants assigned to varenicline treatment for smoking cessation, [quit outcomes did not differ between those with and without depressive symptoms](#), whereas among those assigned to the bupropion treatment group, those with depressive symptoms had significant reduced quit rate compared to those without symptoms.



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