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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Call for Papers

Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) has issued a Call for Papers for its upcoming collection: **From Data to Action: National, State, and Local Efforts to End Commercial Menthol and Other Flavored Tobacco Product Use.**

- **April 14:** Deadline for authors to submit inquiries to the journal to determine interest and fit for this collection. [Learn more](#) about how to submit inquiries.
- **April 28:** Papers are due to OSH for Courtesy Review.
- **Aug. 15:** Final manuscripts are due to PCD. (Note: Papers may be submitted ahead of this deadline and will be published on a rolling basis.)

Help Your Peers Requests

Translated Youth Vaping Education Materials
Deadline: Feb. 22

VT is seeking translated youth vaping education materials for an audience of parents/guardians who are English-language learners. Currently, VT translates essential Health Department documents in 12

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

[From Prevention to Screening and Survivorship: A Roadmap for Reducing Risks Associated with Cancers \(Tobacco-Related\) and Cardiovascular Disease Among Low-Income Populations and Patients \(Part 1\)](#) – SelfMade Health Network (SMHN)
Webinar Series
Feb. 22, 12:30-1:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Digital Media & Addiction: New Research & Technology from Tobacco & Opioids](#) – BRIGHT Institute and Truth Initiative
Webinar Series
Feb. 22, 4-5 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Bi-Monthly Discussion: Reclaim Sacred Tobacco](#) – Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights and Air is Life Discussion
Feb. 24, 12-1 p.m.

[From Prevention to Screening and](#)

languages. This comes at a significant cost for the tobacco program. We're hopeful prevention and cessation materials in languages other than English are available to be customized for our market.

How are states addressing youth vaping education for communities of non-English speaking residents? Are there any educational materials using universal graphics/icons that states can share with VT?

Definition for Overall Nicotine Use

Deadline: March 1

VA is curious if there is a definition for overall nicotine use. Do other states have a data element such as "nicotine use" where combustible tobacco products (cigarettes/cigars/hookah/pipes), e-cigarettes/vapes, as well as smokeless tobacco are combined? This would provide a more comprehensive view of overall nicotine use and dependence.

Partner Announcements

- **The following announcements are from FDA:**
 - FDA's Center for Tobacco Products and NIH's National Institute on Drug Abuse announced the availability of [new restricted-use biomarker data files](#) from Waves 4 and 5 of the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) study, which includes data from the Wave 1 Biomarker Core and the Wave 4 Biomarker Core.
 - FDA published [Influencers 101: Best Practices and Practical Approaches for Public Health Campaigns](#), a free resource guide that shares best practices with public health practitioners who want to apply influencer marketing strategies to

[Survivorship: A Roadmap for Reducing Risks Associated with Cancers \(Tobacco-Related\) and Cardiovascular Disease Among Low-Income Populations and Patients \(Part 2\)](#) – SelfMade Health Network (SMHN)
Webinar Series
Feb. 28, 12:30-1:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Influencers 101: "Influencers 101: Best Practices and Practical Approaches for Public Health](#) – Rescue Agency and FDA Center for Tobacco Products
Webinar
Feb. 28, 1:30 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Asynchronous, Self-Paced Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training](#) – University of Kentucky College of Nursing
Cohorts begin on March 8, 2023
| *Registration Required*

[Agents of Change Summit 2023](#) – Rescue Agency
San Diego
March 6-7, 2023 | *Registration Required*

[30th Annual Nicotine Dependence Center Conference](#) – Mayo Clinic
Phoenix
March 27-28, 2023 | *Registration Required*

[Champions for Youth Summit](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention Connections
Falls Church, VA
April 24-26, 2023 | *Registration Required*

[NatCon23](#) – National Council for Mental Wellbeing
Los Angeles
May 1-3, 2023 | *Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

their own program.

- **SAMHSA** has improved its [behavioral health treatment services locator, FindTreatment.gov](#), which now is upgraded to be easier to navigate, mobile-friendly, and packed with new features.
- According to new **Truth Initiative** research published in [Frontiers in Public Health](#), influencer content that promotes vaping on Instagram frequently [violates both federal advertising regulations and the social media platform's policies](#).
- **SelfMade Health Network** released its [Healthier Nation factsheets](#) which can be used while developing or enhancing strategic partnerships with businesses, labor unions, “blue-collar” worksites, as well as others committed to reducing cancer and tobacco-related disparities.
- **ChangeLab Solutions** created a new infographic and fact sheet, [Understanding the Equitable Enforcement Ecosystem](#), to help policymakers develop equitable enforcement provisions and better understand the equitable enforcement ecosystem, particularly in the context of employment and labor standards.
- **American Academy of Pediatrics** announced its [newly developed case studies](#), which demonstrate the effectiveness of the [“Ask – Counsel – Treat” cessation counseling model](#) across various pediatric ages and nicotine dependencies.
- **Federal Trade Commission** reported that for the first time ever, cigarette unit sales by the largest U.S. tobacco companies [dropped below 200 billion – a 70% decrease](#) from their high 40 years ago. While this is a step in the right direction, the absolute volume of

[Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking \(STOP\) Act Grant](#) – SAMHSA

This program aims to award 50 domestic public and private non-profit entities that are current or former Drug-Free Communities Support Program recipients up to \$60,000 per award to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth and young adults ages 12-20 in communities throughout the United States.

Deadline: March 3, 2023

[Visiting Lectureship Grants](#) – American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

The AAP Julius B. Richmond Visiting Lectureship Program provides awards of up to \$1,000 to support customized virtual programs focused on educating pediatric health clinicians and other collaborators on protecting the health of children and families by controlling tobacco smoke exposure. Only virtual programs leveraging traditional and non-traditional tobacco control programs and partnerships will be considered. Applicants are encouraged to join us for an application Q&A session on **March 10, 2023**, from 12-1 p.m. ET. Session information and programmatic questions can also be accessed by

emailing mrichmondcenter@aap.org

Deadline: April 6, 2023

[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 who are willing to introduce youth to tobacco prevention work with a social justice lens.

cigarettes sold in the US in 2021 was still an appalling 190.2 billion, with billions more sold overseas.

State News

- The following state news comes from **Hawaii**:
 - A bill was introduced in Hawaii that would [raise the minimum legal age to purchase and possess tobacco products](#) from 21 to 25.
 - A bill to subject e-cigarettes to [the existing 70% wholesale tax on tobacco products](#), other than cigarettes, was introduced in Hawaii.
- The **West Virginia** legislature introduced a bill that would [increase the cigarette pack tax by \\$1.50 to \\$2.70](#), with a parallel tax on other tobacco products.
- Tobacco and vape retailers have filed a lawsuit designed to stop Multnomah County, **Oregon** from [enacting its ban on flavored tobacco and nicotine products next year](#).

In the News

- Phillip Gardiner, co-chair of the African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council, shares [a message for non-profit organizations in the United States to return money](#) received from the tobacco industry.
- "The Menthol Diaries: Taking Back Pride from Tobacco", which appeared in the *Advocate*, describes the [LGBTQ+ community's "break-](#)

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.

Job Listings

[Senior Attorney](#)

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Washington, D.C.

[Legislative & Policy Counsel](#)

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Washington, D.C.

[Chronic Disease and Injury Policy Development and Legal Analyst](#)

North Carolina Division of Public Health
Wake County, NC

[Youth Tobacco Engagement Coordinator](#)

Minnesota Department of Health
Saint Paul, MN

[Commercial Tobacco Community Evaluator](#)

Minnesota Department of Health
Saint Paul, MN

[Postdoctoral Fellow in Health Communication and Tobacco Control](#)

UNC School of Medicine
Chapel Hill, NC

[Director](#)

University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention
Madison, WI

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

[up" with menthol cigarettes](#), from sharing a personal story to taking action on the community level.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of a 2022 online survey of current e-cigarette users found that those who viewed a tobacco-free nicotine message [reported a higher intention to use tobacco-free than tobacco-derived nicotine vaping products](#) and willingness to pay more for tobacco-free nicotine vaping products, compared to those who did not view a tobacco-free nicotine message.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of Wave 5 Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health study data concluded that out of the 2,922 established e-cigarette users, [68.21% reported plans to quit vaping; 17.27% reported attempting to quit e-cigarettes in the past year](#); and 29.28% reported attempting to quit by cutting back in the past year.
- An analysis of NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Service data published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* found [that over-the-counter nicotine replacement therapy sales totaled about \\$1 billion annually](#) between 2017 and 2020, as sales of gum and patches decreased, whereas lozenge sales increased across the study period.
- In a *Tobacco Control* analysis of six databases for original research examining the impacts or perceptions of 12 tobacco endgame policies among eight priority populations, 17-of-18 included studies focused on [the effectiveness or impacts of a very low nicotine content \(VLNC\) cigarette standard among people](#)

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.



[experiencing mental illness](#) (n=14), substance use disorders (n=8), low incomes (n=6), unemployment (n=1) or who identify as LGBTQI+ (n=1) in the USA.

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