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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.**

- **TBA (January/February):** Dr. Leonard Jack, PCD editor-in-chief, provides a talk for interested authors, **Tips on Submitting a Quality Submission to the Journal**, offering do's and don'ts for developing and submitting papers to the journal. He will also answer questions about the submission, review, and decision-making process.
- **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.)

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](#)

[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 \(Part 2\)](#) – SelfMade Health Network (SMHN)

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[Influencers 101: "Influencers 101: Best Practices and Practical Approaches for Public Health](#) –

## Congratulations New Program Managers!

In the first newsletter of each month, TCN recognizes newly hired state and territorial tobacco program managers. Congratulations to the following program managers:

- **Ashtin Glodt (ID)**
- **LeAnn Allison (NM)**
- **Eric Eakin (NV)**

We regularly update the [TCN Member Directory](#) with state and island jurisdiction staff contacts for the tobacco control agencies funded by CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. To update your contact information in the directory, email [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org).

## 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:

- **Miranda Spitznagle (IN)** – 11 years.
- **Patti Henley (MA)** – 10 years
- **Emily Carlson (AZ)** – 4 years.
- **Tanya Wells - (VT)** – 3 years.
- **Heidi Glesmann (WA)** – 1 year.
- **Mica Moeller (WY)** – 1 year.

## Help Your Peers Requests

**Low-Budget Strategies to Educate on Flavor Ban**  
**Deadline:** Feb. 8

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*

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## Funding Opportunities

[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

What low-budget strategies have states used to educate on a statewide basis regarding ending the sale of menthol and flavored tobacco products?

**NH Tobacco Quitline Partnership with Local EMS Agency**

**Deadline:** Feb. 10

QuitNow-NH, the NH Tobacco Quitline, is beginning a "Mobile Integrated Health (MIH)" project/partnership with a local EMS agency. This is a grant-funded project within an NH Level II pediatric and adult trauma care hospital. The EMS agency is collaborating with EPA home-visit lists and real-time 911 data.

EMS is often called to a residence for stabilizing an asthmatic condition. The VNA approach is an evidence-based strategy to help keep patients out of the hospital and the MIH project is a natural fit that layers on additional support to these individuals. Quitline services training empowers EMS staff to educate patients about quitline services and even refer patients through Provider Web Referral.

MIH GOAL: To reduce the number/repeat visits of emergency room 'frequent flyers' by utilizing EMS staff.

NH would like to find out if other states have similar partnerships. If so, are there evaluation data that could be shared with NH?

**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 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

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](mailto: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.

**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**

[Senior Attorney](#)

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

communities of non-English speaking residents? Are there any educational materials using universal graphics/icons that states can share with VT?

## Partner Announcements

- **The following announcements are from FDA:**
  - FDA authorized the [marketing of three new tobacco-flavored heated tobacco products](#), Marlboro Sienna HeatSticks, Marlboro Bronze HeatSticks, and Marlboro Amber HeatSticks, included in Philip Morris Products S.A.'s supplemental premarket tobacco product applications.
  - Brian King, director of the FDA Center for Tobacco Products, published [a perspective looking back on the Center's progress on tobacco regulation in 2022](#), and a look ahead into 2023.
- **American Lung Association** released its [21st annual State of Tobacco Control report](#), which assigns letter grades, A through F, evaluating state and federal governments on their proven-effective tobacco control laws and policies necessary to save lives. **Note:** *American Lung Association grades apply to policy only and do not comment on the tobacco prevention and control work within any health agency.*
- **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids**, along with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, and Truth Initiative, released their [annual report assessing FY23 state tobacco prevention and cessation](#)

### [Legislative & Policy Counsel](#)

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

### [Associate Director for Health Equity](#)

CDC Office on Smoking and Health  
Atlanta

### [Community Grants Coordinator](#)

Washington State Department of Health  
Tumwater, WA (hybrid/flexible)

### [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

### [Tobacco Cessation Coordinator](#)

Mercy Housing  
Denver, CO

## 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

[program funding compared to CDC-recommended funding levels](#). According to the report, states will collect \$26.7 billion from the 1998 Master Tobacco Settlement and tobacco taxes but spend just 2.7 percent of that on tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
  - 371 localities and three Native American tribes placed [some type of restriction on flavored tobacco products](#) by the end of June 2022 and, of those, 110 have fully comprehensive policies that prohibit sales of all types of flavors across all products, including menthol/mint/wintergreen tobacco products at all retailers.
  - According to research published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, three-quarters of current e-cigarette users reported using [blended flavors \(i.e., Banana Ice, Cool Cucumber\) and over half used concept flavors](#) (i.e., Blue Dream, OMG, Marigold) in the past month.
- In a recent video, **Rescue Agency** Founder and President Jeff Jordan discuss [evidence-based communications strategies for disassociating vaping as a mental health benefit](#) and empowering teens to see how vaping can harm their mental health.
- The **African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council** is excited to announce the launch of the [You Don't Want That Smoke poetry campaign](#), an interactive experience featuring an online poetry contest and blog series.

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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## State News

- A proposed bill in the **Vermont** State House would [prohibit the sale of tobacco and cannabis products](#) utilizing single-use filters.
- A bill to [prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco and e-liquids](#) was introduced in the **Indiana** General Assembly.
- The **North Dakota** legislature is considering a bill that would [create an exemption to the state's indoor smoking restrictions](#) to allow cigar smoking in bars and cigar lounges.
- The **New Mexico** legislature introduced a bill to [prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products](#).

## In the News

- Despite tobacco industry claims, a study published in [Tobacco Control](#) found that banning menthol-flavored cigarettes did not lead to more [illicit purchasing of menthol or non-menthol cigarettes from First Nations reserves](#), the main source of illicit cigarettes in Canada.
  - A recent article in *WalletHub* highlights the true per-person cost of smoking in each of the 50 states and Washington, D.C. by calculating the [lifetime and annual cost of a cigarette pack per day, healthcare expenditures, income losses](#), and other costs brought on by smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke.
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## Research

- An analysis of 2021 SpringStyles data published in *Preventing Chronic Disease* shows that more than [62% of those surveyed said they supported a policy to prohibit the sale of menthol cigarettes](#), and more than 57% said they supported a policy to prohibit the sale of all tobacco products.
- An analysis of the 1997-2018 National Health Interview Survey recently published in *Public Health Reports* found that the [incidence of starting to smoke cigarettes decreased dramatically at all ages during the study period](#).
- *Tobacco Tactics* published an article highlighting the [significant environmental damage caused by tobacco product plastics](#) and suggests regulatory solutions to reduce these impacts.
- In a *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of American Indian adults who smoke, the nicotine metabolite ratio (NMR) was related to cigarette dependence and about [one-half of participants' pharmacotherapy preference for smoking cessation matched their NMR-informed pharmacotherapy recommendation](#).
- An analysis of NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Service data published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* found that [sales of gum and patches decreased, whereas lozenge sales increased across the 4-year study period](#), with over-the-counter nicotine replacement therapy sales totaling about \$1 billion annually.

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