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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

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The final proposal deadline is **May 12, at 11:59 p.m. ET**. For additional information, please see the full [RFP](#).^{*} All other application materials including the [Contractor Budget Template](#) and [Contract Terms](#) are also linked. *Submit all materials and letter of intent to apply to tcn@astho.org.*

^{*}In recognition of the short timeline outlined in the RFP, ASTHO intends to extend the LC period beyond the July 2023 timeline pending CDC permission, although no guarantee can be confirmed at this time.

Help Your Peers Requests

Integrating Emerging Technologies into Quitline Services

Deadline: Apr. 12

MA is interested in exploring emerging technologies to improve reach and engagement with our tobacco/nicotine

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Upcoming Events

*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. [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.

[Adverse Effects of Marijuana Smoke Exposure on the](#)

use and dependency treatment services via the Quitline. We would like to know how other states have approached integrating emerging technologies into their Quitline services. More specifically, have states been contacted by a health tech company named Vincere Health, Inc.? If so, what has your experience been like? Have you been able to demonstrate an impact on reach and engagement?

School Health Profiles (Profiles) Survey

Deadline: Apr. 18

Does your state tobacco control program utilize results from the School Health Profiles (Profiles) survey? Profiles is a system of surveys assessing school health policies and practices in states, large urban school districts, and territories. Profiles surveys are conducted biennially by education and health agencies among middle and high school principals and lead health education teachers.

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:

- **Jennifer Ullman (MT)** – 14 years.
- **Allison Sullivan (CT)** – 1 year.

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:

- **Rosemar Rivera Hiraldo (PR)**

[Heart](#) – UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center Webinar
April 18, 1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[TRAC Tobacco Retail Compliance Training](#) – Action on Smoking & Health, Canada Webinar
April 20, 12-1 p.m. ET
| *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*

[2023 National Tribal Health Conference](#) – National Indian Health Board
Anchorage, AK
May 1-5, 2023 | *Registration Required*

[State of Black Health National Conference](#) – The Center for Black Health & Equity
San Juan, Puerto Rico
September 6-8, 2023
| *Registration Required*

[Clear the Vapor \(save the date\)](#) – Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes
Webinar
October 24-25, 2023

Funding Opportunities

[TCN Workforce Development Pilot Learning Community RFP](#) – ASTHO and CDC/OSH
ASTHO, in collaboration with

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.

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA issued [two notices in the Federal Register](#) updating the definition of "tobacco product" in its existing [regulations](#) and [guidances](#), and has also posted nine revised guidances to [FDA's website](#).
 - FDA published [a new webpage](#) of all the tobacco products-related citizen petitions received by the agency's Center for Tobacco Products.
 - The [Wave 6 Restricted-Use Files](#) from the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study is now available and contains data collected between March 2021 and November 2021, including questionnaire data, tobacco Universal Product Code (UPC) data, and state identifier data. The PATH Study Restricted-Use Files have also been updated to include [Wave 5.5 and PATH Study Adult Telephone Survey Ever/Never Reference Data](#) for all participants.
- According to a **Truth Initiative** analysis, nine of the 10 films nominated for Best Picture at the 2023 Oscars and [more than two-thirds \(71.7%\) of all this year's Oscar-nominated feature films contain tobacco imagery](#), including "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery," "Top Gun: Maverick," and "Elvis."
- The **African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council** is seeking to support the development of eight to 12 national leaders to work

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[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.

Job Listings

[Arizona Smokers' Helpline \(ASHLine\) Cessation Manager](#)
Arizona Department of Health Services

within their spheres of influence to engage, mobilize, and integrate the council's national tobacco control agenda. Apply by **April 12** for the [Quantum Leap Leadership Development Program Inaugural Cohort!](#)

- The **Emory Centers for Public Health Training and Technical Assistance** and **SelfMade Health Network** are providing access to upcoming trainings, webinar recordings, multimedia materials, and resources on health equity and engaging community partners on the [new website](#).
- The **Center for Black Health & Equity** released its [No Menthol Sunday toolkit](#) which contains templates, sermon topics, fact sheets, activities, and plenty of inspiration for your faith-based community event.

State News

- The **Kansas** Senate approved HB 2269 on a 28-11 vote [to raise the legal age for buying cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products](#) from 18 to 21. The bill is now with Gov. Laura Kelly.
- An updated model for the effect of the **California** Tobacco Control Program published in *PLOS ONE* concluded that over the life of the program, one additional dollar per capita of program expenditure was associated with [a reduction of current adult smoking prevalence by about 0.05 percentage point](#) and a mean annual consumption per adult current smoker by about two packs.
- The **Minnesota** Department of Health has launched "[Hey Norm](#)," a creative, relatable marketing campaign intended to engage teens about the issue

Remote, 1-year contract
For more information on how to apply, please contact Emily Carlson, Office Chief, at Emily.Carlson@azdhs.gov.

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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

of vaping and the [Room to Breathe](#) website, with relevant data and resources about the harms of nicotine and vaping, ways to get involved, and access to quit support tailored for teens.

In the News

- Mitch Zeller, former head of the FDA Center for Tobacco Products, [advised Qnovia on getting the first inhaled smoking cessation device approved by the FDA](#) as a drug product.

Research

- A *Preventing Chronic Disease* analysis of low-income smokers in nine states who had called a 2-1-1 helpline and participated in an ongoing intervention trial from June 2020 through September 2022 found that [half or more of the sample reported being very or somewhat interested in a mobile app \(65%\)](#), a personalized web program (59%), or chatting online with quit coaches (49%) to help them quit tobacco use.
- Data from a *Tobacco Control* analysis of the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study found that among youth who had never established tobacco use, [the one-year probability of ENDS initiation increased after 2017 from 1.6% to 3.8%](#) while one-year probability of continuing to use ENDS only increased for youth from 40.7% to 65.7% and for adults from 57.8% to 78.2%.
- An analysis of 2020 and 2021 National Youth Tobacco Surveys data published in *Pediatrics* concluded that [Black gay or lesbian \(adjusted odds ratio: 3.86\) and bisexual \(adjusted](#)

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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.



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[odds ratio: 3.31\) high school students](#) had significantly higher e-cigarette use odds than Black heterosexuals

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis which evaluated free radical, nicotine, and NNK production in cigarette smoke from cigarettes produced with 15 different types of tobacco concluded that gas-phase radicals varied nearly 8-fold among tobacco types, with [Saint James Perique tobacco producing the highest levels \(\$42 \pm 7\$ nmol/g\)](#) and [Canadian Virginia tobacco producing the lowest levels \(\$5 \pm 2\$ nmol/g\)](#). Nicotine and NNK levels in smoke varied 14-fold and 192-fold, respectively, by type.

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