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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](#).<sup>\*</sup> All other application materials including the [Contractor Budget Template](#) and [Contract Terms](#) are also linked. *Submit all materials to [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org).*

<sup>\*</sup>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

### School Health Profiles (Profiles) Survey

**Deadline:** Apr. 28

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

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## Upcoming Events

[The Universe Of Juul Litigation: What State Attorney General Action And Multidistrict Litigation Settlements Mean For Public Health](#) – Public Health Law Center  
Webinar  
April 27, 12 p.m. ET  
| *Registration Required*

*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.**

territories. Profiles surveys are conducted biennially by education and health agencies among middle and high school principals and lead health education teachers.

#### **White Paper Using All Payers Claim Data (APCD)**

**Deadline:** May 4

The Rhode Island Tobacco Control Program is trying to utilize All Payers Claim Data (APCD) to develop a white paper to work with insurance. Has any state created something similar or have any ideas, experience, and/or examples to share in this area? Thank you!

## **Partner Announcements**

- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
  - FDA, in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA, announced a virtual public meeting on May 10-11 titled, [Considerations for Buprenorphine Initiation and Maintenance Care](#). The meeting will explore real-world experiences and scientific evidence for buprenorphine initiation strategies as well as medication dosing and management during continued treatment across different care settings.
  - As part of the Center's ongoing efforts to assist those submitting premarket tobacco product applications (PMTAs, CTP created two new resources to help applicants prepare and submit amendments:
    - [Fact Sheet—Amendment Tips: Completing Form FDA 4057a](#) provides quick tips, including how to find your application's submission tracking number (STN), and how to correctly complete Form FDA 4057a.

- **April 28:** Papers are due to OSH for courtesy review.
- **Aug. 15:** Final manuscripts are due to PCD.

[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*

[Court Challenges to Preventive Services Requirements: Implications for Helping People Quit Tobacco](#) – American Lung Association  
Webinar  
May 4, 1 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Second Annual ToPCon – A Commercial Tobacco Prevention Conference](#)  
Online  
May 8-10, 2023 | *Registration Required*

[Considerations for Buprenorphine Initiation and Maintenance Care](#) – FDA  
Online  
May 10-11, 2023 | *Registration Required*

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

[Clear the Vapor \(save the date\)](#) – Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes

- [Video—Using the CTP Portal](#) provides an overview of the CTP Portal and how to use it, including how to find your application's STN online.
- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
  - Higher e-cigarette prices and taxes can [reduce the number of days teens use e-cigarettes](#) and decrease current e-cigarette use, according to Truth Initiative analysis of 2015–2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey data published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.
  - The EX Program highlights an overlooked benefit that can [give employee mental health a significant boost](#): a program that actively engages employees in quitting all forms of tobacco.
  - According to Truth Initiative, the tobacco industry has used women's suffrage and equality movements to market cigarettes to women since the 1920s and is now [relying on the same tactics to market e-cigarettes to women](#) by using images and phrases that convey independence, glamour, fun, and health-consciousness.

## State News

- Electronic cigarette maker [Juul Labs Inc. will pay \\$462 million](#) to six states (**New York, California, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, and New Mexico**) and Washington, D.C., marking the largest settlement the company has reached so far for its role in the youth vaping surge.

Webinar  
October 24-25, 2023

## Funding Opportunities

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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*

- **Minnesota** Attorney General Keith Ellison announced his office has [settled its case against JUUL and Altria for deceptively marketing e-cigarettes](#), which became popular among Minnesota's youth.
- **Kansas** Governor, Laura Kelly, signed legislation [raising the age to purchase tobacco products](#) from 18 to 21.
- A bill in **Hawaii** to undo preemption [died despite passage in the Senate because it was not scheduled for a hearing](#) in the House Finance Committee by April 6.
- **Idaho** Governor, Brad Little, signed into law H.B. 330 which [caps the tax on cigars to 50 cents per cigar](#).

## In the News

- An *NPR* article highlights the need to [reform the nation's immigration system and tighten agricultural child labor laws](#) by sharing the story of José Velásquez Castellano, a current sophomore at Tufts University, who started working on tobacco fields at the age of 13.

## Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of electronically referred patients found that of all patients referred, the UC Quits [quitline contacted 47.1%, 20.6% completed intake, 15.2% requested counseling, and 10.9% received it](#). Among referred patients completing intake (n = 4264), 46.2% were nonwhite, 58.8% had Medicaid, 58.7% had a chronic disease, and 48.8% had a behavioral health

*appeal to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please send those to us at [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org).*

### Job Listings

[Arizona Smokers' Helpline \(ASHLine\) Cessation Manager](#)  
Arizona Department of Health Services  
Remote, one-year contract  
*For more information on how to apply, please contact Emily Carlson, Office Chief, at [Emily.Carlson@azdhs.gov](mailto:Emily.Carlson@azdhs.gov).*

[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 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

condition.

- A *Respiratory Research* analysis using a novel robotic platform Human Vaping Mimetic Real-Time Particle Analyzer revealed [an association between enhanced inhaled particles due to menthol addition to ECs and worse lung function indices](#).
- According to a survey analysis published in *Addictive Behaviors*, exclusive cigarette smokers were at [decreased odds of having a past year primary care visit](#) and exclusive cigarette smokers, dual tobacco users, and polytobacco users were at increased odds of having a past year ED visit relative to nontobacco users.

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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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