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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Help Your Peers Request

Working with Adults Who Vape

Deadline: Aug. 29

Are other states working with adults who vape? If so, what activities are you putting together? What important information are you pushing out that adults are wanting?

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements are from **CDC**:
 - Based on 2012–2020 Global Youth Tobacco Survey data from 34 global sites, [CDC found that tobacco product use among students who reported currently using various products](#) on one or more days remained unchanged in most sites. However, it was found that self-reported e-cigarette use among students increased in seven of 10 sites.
 - CDC's Division of Population Health [released PLACES data that includes new years of data across 36 health-related measures](#), in which current smoking among adults aged 18 years or older is one of the health risk behaviors measured.

*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

[Building Equity: Creating Change From Within Health Systems](#) – Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment, Advocacy, and Leadership (APPEAL)
Webinar
Aug. 24, 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

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

[Regulating Tobacco Products: An International, Federal & State Level Perspective](#) – Action on Smoking & Health
Webinar
Sept. 14, 12 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

- **CDC Foundation** posted its [most recent National and State Data Briefs](#) highlighting national and state trends in e-cigarette sales from January 2018 through June 2023.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - In a [new commentary published in the scientific journal *Addiction*](#), FDA's Center for Tobacco Products Director Brian King, PhD, MPH, discusses opportunities and considerations for educating adults who smoke cigarettes about the relative risks of tobacco products.
 - FDA [issued a warning letter to Amarillo Snuff Co.](#) for manufacturing, selling, and/or distributing unauthorized smokeless nicotine products, including products that are made with corn husks instead of tobacco leaves.
 - Comments on the ["Requirements for Tobacco Product Manufacturing Practice"](#) proposed rule must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Sept. 6. The proposed rule, if finalized, lays out FDA's requirements for tobacco product manufacturers regarding the manufacture, design, packing, and storage of tobacco products.
- **Public Health Law Center** released a [new blog post](#), which provides suggestions on how JUUL settlement funds and other funds could be allocated and strategically used to help address the youth vaping crisis.
- Mayors Support Eliminating Menthol Cigarettes, a **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids** initiative, [features 14 current and former mayors offering testimonials about the harm these products](#) cause to the health of their communities, and the need for action that will protect kids from tobacco addiction, advance health equity and save lives.

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Program](#) – Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center
Buffalo, NY
Sept. 25 – 29 | *Registration Required*

[Intensive Behavioral Health Approaches to Tobacco Treatment](#) – DUKE UNC
Webinar
Oct. 12, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Clear the Vapor Conference](#) – Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes
Virtual Conference
Oct. 24 | *Save the Date*

[Comprehensive Tobacco Treating Specialist Training Program](#) – DUKE UNC
Virtual Event
Nov. 6 – 14 | *Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

[AAP Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence Tobacco Cessation Implementation Grant](#)

This grant provides awards of up to \$1,000 to support programs focused on educating pediatricians, youth/adolescent health personnel, and/or local/regional public health agencies/health departments/media and other collaborators on protecting the health of children and families by controlling tobacco and nicotine exposure. The program is designed to promote tobacco/nicotine cessation, elimination of secondhand smoke (SHS) exposure, and to integrate tobacco/nicotine prevention

- According to a recent **Truth Initiative** study published in [Tobacco Control](#), disposable e-cigarettes sold in the United States nearly [tripled in nicotine strength, quintupled in e-liquid capacity, and dropped in price by nearly 70%](#) between 2017 and 2022, indicating a need to limit e-cigarette sizes, establish minimum prices, and cap nicotine levels.
- **American Heart Association** released a [new scientific statement](#) outlining the current science on the health effects of e-cigarette use as well as calling for more research on the long-term impact of use.

State News

- The city council in Golden, **Colorado** [passed an ordinance to prohibit](#) the sale of flavored tobacco products.
- **Illinois** Governor Pritzker [signed into law a bill](#) to add e-cigarettes to the Smoke Free Illinois Act.
- State legislators in **Maine** [tabled a bill to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products](#) in the final hours of their budget process, declining to allocate funds to support enforcement of the bill. The bill cannot be considered again until the next legislative session convenes in January.

In the News

- *Georgia Public Broadcasting* host Leah Fleming [spoke with Christopher Jenkins, founder of The Poet Life](#), a program which has targeted the cities of Atlanta, New York, and Los Angeles to work with students to develop their own anti-

and control activities into institutions, health departments, medical centers, and state and/or national pediatric organizations. The AAP Julius B. Richmond Tobacco Cessation Implementation Grant is funded by the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute. Application and full instructions are attached. Applicants are encouraged to join staff for an application **Q&A session on Aug. 25, 2023, from 2 – 3 p.m. ET.**

Please view grant overview and instructions linked [here](#) and complete this [application form](#). Proposals and letters of support must be submitted as e-mail attachments to richmondcenter@aap.org. **Deadline:** Sept. 8

[Tobacco/Vape-Free College Grant](#) – Truth Initiative

This program is offering up to \$20,000 to colleges and universities to support the adoption and implementation of a 100% tobacco- and vape-free campus policy. All colleges and universities that do not already have a 100% tobacco/vape-free policy are eligible to apply. Colleges that have smoke- or tobacco-free policies that do not include e-cigarettes may still apply. To combat the vaping public health crisis, Truth Initiative is offering grants of up to \$10,000 to colleges to strengthen their 100% smoke or tobacco-free policies by adding e-cigarettes. [Register for an informational webinar](#) on Aug. 22 at 3 p.m. ET to learn more about the Tobacco/Vape-Free College Grant Program.

Deadline: Oct. 12, 5 p.m. ET

smoking poetry.

- **U.S. PIRG Education Fund** shares [four reasons why retailers must stop illegally selling thousands of disposable vapes every day](#), given that disposable vapes are non-biodegradable and designed to be thrown out after a few days of use with no chance of being recycled.
- A photographer left three cigarettes in a mason jar filled with soil for an entire year, [taking a timelapse video](#) to show what happens to them.

Research

- An analysis of national retailer data from the Premium Cigar Association (PCA) from 2019 to 2021, published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, [found that of the 1279 PCA retailers, the majority were cigar stores \(39%\)](#), followed by tobacco shops (26%), cigar bars or lounges (20%), and beer, wine, or liquor stores (15%).
- A cross-sectional analysis of 2010–2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health data, published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, concluded that [premium cigar smoking was associated with lower adjusted odds of past month serious psychological distress](#), past year major depressive episode, and cannabis and illicit drug dependence relative to nonpremium cigar and cigarette smoking.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of 2015–2019 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey data found evidence of a [50% increase in state spending on tobacco control during the time of the surveys](#) would have been associated with a 7.46% lower high school student vaping prevalence rate than what was observed.

[Public Health Communication Messaging about the Continuum of Risk for Tobacco Products](#) – NIH

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) invites applications for a Cooperative Agreement (U01) that will utilize health communication research to better understand the impact that messaging about the continuum of risk for tobacco products may have on various segments of the population. Applications should consider effects on audiences for whom the messaging could potentially be useful (i.e., adults who use combustible products) and on those for whom the messaging could have negative consequences (e.g., youth).

Deadline: Dec. 6, 5 p.m. local time of applicant organization.

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

[Surveillance Coordinator \(Epidemiologist II\)](#)

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Richland County, SC

[Senior Consultant, Strategic Learning and Evaluation](#)

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About the Tobacco Control Network

The TCN's mission is to improve the public's health by providing

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of subjects who daily smoke cigarettes found that [changes in biomarkers of inflammation, endothelial function, oxidative stress, and lipids](#) did not differ according to treatment of NRT vs. no treatment of NRT.

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.



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