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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- The TCN website is currently undergoing several changes. The [State Policy Map](#) and [Peer Mentor Program](#) can now be accessed from the [Home Page](#) through their own tabs. The Partners and Officers pages can now be found as subpages under the About tab. Additionally, the Resources page will soon be reorganized for members to filter by topic area and year of publication.

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:

- **Donna M. Asbury (NH)** – 21 years.
- **Tiffany Johnson (MS)** – 8 years.

Help Your Peers Request

*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

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

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

[Smoking and its Effect on Hormone Replacement Therapy \(HRT\)](#) – Mayo Clinic Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Program
Oct. 10, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Intensive Behavioral Health](#)

**Continued cases of EVALI and Communications
Concerning Vape Products**

Deadline: Sept. 26

Vermont is seeking to hear from health departments in other states about continued cases of EVALI as well as other vaping and dabbing lung injury that they may be seeing. We are also interested in what communications state health departments might be making to physicians and the general public, concerning vape products at this time.

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements come from the **CDC Office on Smoking and Health**:
 - A CDC analysis of retailer store data published in *Preventing Chronic Disease* found that [tobacco product sales increased and nicotine replacement therapy sales decreased](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic, suggesting stockpiling and reduced evidence-based quit attempts.
 - CDC launched the Empower Vape-Free Youth campaign to [encourage middle and high school educators to talk with their students](#) about e-cigarette use and nicotine addiction.
- **NACCHO** is excited to announce a new Community of Practice for Tobacco Control and Prevention for local health departments and other partners to share resources, discuss emerging issues, learn best practices, and virtually connect with others in this space. If you are interested in being added to their listserv for upcoming events, [please fill out the interest form](#).
- An online course about the danger of e-cigarettes created by **Truth Initiative**, Kaiser Permanente, and **AHA** [led to a 15% increase in e-cigarette](#)

[Approaches to Tobacco](#)

[Treatment](#) – DUKE UNC
Webinar

Oct. 12, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Cigarettes and Cycles: The Effects of Smoking on Women's Hormonal, Menstrual and Menopausal Health](#)

Mayo Clinic Tobacco
Treatment Specialist Training
Program

Oct. 17, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Clear the Vapor Conference](#)

Parents Against Vaping e-
cigarettes
Virtual Conference
Oct. 24 | *Save the Date*

[Alcoholism & Nicotine/Tobacco Dependence](#)

– Mayo Clinic
Tobacco Treatment Specialist
Training Program
Oct. 31, 1-2 p.m. ET

| *Registration Required*

[Comprehensive Tobacco Treating Specialist Training Program](#)

– DUKE UNC
Virtual Event

Nov. 6 – 14 | *Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

[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

[knowledge scores](#) according to an analysis published in [Health Promotion Practice](#).

- The following announcements are from **Public Health Law Center (PHLC)**:
 - A new PHLC report details important considerations around [ordinances that promote commercial tobacco-free recreational areas](#), and references sample ordinances from across the country.
 - PHLC released a fact sheet that provides [answers to frequently asked questions about the litigation against Juul](#), including what led to these lawsuits, the legal claims made, details about the latest settlements, and the current status of Juul's FDA application for authorization to continue selling its products.
- The following announcements are from the **FDA**:
 - FDA issued warning letters to 15 online retailers for selling and/or distributing [unauthorized e-cigarette products](#) packaged to look like youth-appealing characters, school supplies, toys, and drinks.
 - FDA [posted a new webinar](#) to help online retailers respond to warning letters from FDA's Center for Tobacco Products (CTP).
 - On March 10, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration published a proposed rule titled, [Requirements for Tobacco Product Manufacturing Practice](#). FDA is [extending the proposed rule's comment period by an additional 30 days](#) to allow people additional time to submit comments through Oct. 6, 2023.
 - FDA published a revised guidance document [outlining its current policies](#) with respect to civil money penalties and no-tobacco-sales orders for violating retailers.

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

[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

[Tobacco Disparities and Health Equity Coordinator](#)

Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Madison, WI

About the Tobacco Control Network

- **Parents Against Vaping E-cigarettes** released a [new back-to-school campaign](#) highlighting the prevalence and health impacts of youth and young adult e-cigarette use in the U.S.

State News

- On September 1, a new law took effect in **Texas** that [prohibits the possession of any e-cigarette or vaping device within 300 feet of a school campus](#) by school students, and requires a disciplinary hearing and program replacement.
- The city council of Richfield, **Minnesota** [passed new rules](#) that will make tobacco licenses nontransferable, limit the city's number of tobacco licenses to four, and impose a ban on all flavored tobacco products in an effort to reduce tobacco use and save lives.
- On July 24-26, over 35 youth and adult leaders gathered for the [inaugural North Carolina Youth Vaping Prevention Summit](#), an activity funded by proceeds from the legal settlement between Juul Labs, Inc. and the state of North Carolina.

In the News

- As the legalization of casinos in North Carolina contributes to a delay in the adoption of a state budget, Cynthia Hallett from Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights [sent a letter](#) to legislative leaders encouraging the general assembly to [ensure that gaming venues are smokefree](#).
- According to a four-year longitudinal study of teens [published in Thorax](#), self-reported e-cigarette

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

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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use was [correlated with increased wheezing, shortness of breath, and bronchitis symptoms](#).

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of baseline data from a home intervention study of children ages 8–17 years with asthma in Baltimore City found that [increased tobacco outlet density is associated with higher levels of bedroom air nicotine and serum cotinine](#) and increasing levels of secondhand smoke exposure (air nicotine and serum cotinine) are associated with less controlled childhood asthma.
- Aiming to evaluate the effectiveness of immediate, short-, medium-, and long-term smoking cessation rates in acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), a systematic review published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* concluded [an overall effect in favor of ACT, but a significant effect was found at 3 to 4-months only](#). However, 12-month follow-ups revealed no significant reduction in smoking cessation.
- An analysis of self-report and biochemical assessments published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* found that relative to those with no/minimal childhood trauma, [those with moderate/severe childhood trauma had higher negative affect, withdrawal severity, and plasma cotinine levels](#).
- An RCT of adults with serious mental illness who smoked tobacco daily published in *JAMA Psychiatry* concluded that [an 18-month intervention with first-line pharmacotherapy and tailored behavioral support for smoking cessation and weight management increased tobacco](#)

[abstinence](#) (26.4% vs 5.7%) without significant weight gain.

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