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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

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:

- **Sally Herndon (NC)** – 33 years.
- **Sharon Biggers (SC)** – 21 years.
- **Jerilyn Oshel (IA)** – 9 years.
- **Laura Oliven (MN)** – 9 years.
- **Neil Charvat (ND)** – 9 years.
- **Paul Alee (RMI)** – 6 years.
- **Liz Johnson (TN)** – 5 years.
- **Nicole Lovvorn (AL)** – 2 years.
- **Grace Bordallo (GU)** – 2 years.
- **Carolyn Thompson (NJ)** – 2 years.
- **Taylor Reine (LA)** – 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:

- **Tabetha Gerdner (IA)**

*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

[Intensive Behavioral Health 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*

[Advancing Tobacco Endgame at the Local Level](#) – NACCHO Webinar

Oct. 19, 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Premarket Tobacco Product Application Processes: A](#)

- **Melanie Ramson (LA)**
- **Jennifer Chandler (OR)**

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 the **FDA**:
 - FDA issued complaints for civil money penalties (CMPs) [against 22 retailers](#) for the illegal sale of Elf Bar/EB Design e-cigarettes, a popular youth-appealing brand.
 - As part of efforts from FDA's Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) to continue providing resources to help applicants navigate the FDA's premarket tobacco product application (PMTA) process, CTP launched the [Product Form Validator Tool for Form FDA 4057b, "Premarket Tobacco Product Application Grouping Spreadsheet."](#) This voluntary new tool allows applicants to verify the data in their required Form FDA 4057b and pinpoint any necessary corrections before submitting.
 - The NIH and FDA are pleased to announce the continuation of the [Center for Coordination of Analysis, Science, Enhancement, and Logistics \(CASEL\) in Tobacco Regulatory Science](#) and renewed commitment to the [Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science \(TCORS\)](#) program.
 - FDA published an updated [potential tobacco product violations form, Form FDA 3779](#), to include an "unauthorized tobacco product" potential violation type option for the public to specifically report

[Public Meeting](#) – FDA Center for Tobacco Products
FDA White Oak Campus,
Virtual Option Available
Oct. 23 – 24 | *Registration Required*

[Clear the Vapor Conference](#) –
Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes
Virtual Conference
Oct. 24, 11:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.
ET | *Registration Required*

[Susan Rosenblatt Lectureship: Tracking Nicotine and Disease](#) – Medical University of South Carolina
Hollings Cancer Center Room 120 or Microsoft Teams
Oct. 26, 12-1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[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*

[2023 Tobacco Policy & Responsible Retailing Conference](#) – National Association of Attorneys General
Tempe, AZ
Nov. 28 – 29 | *Registration Required*

[Basics and Beyond: How Pediatricians Can Help Youth Quit Using Nicotine](#) –
American Academy of Pediatrics
Webinar
Dec. 4, 12 – 1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

products that are being sold without a marketing authorization from the FDA.

- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - A fact sheet from Truth Initiative [presents information about the current state of legalization and changing state laws regarding cannabis](#), the evolving cannabis and tobacco product landscape, as well as cannabis use patterns among youth and adults and the health effects resulting from such use.
 - The EX Program [highlights that while cigarettes with reduced nicotine levels](#) can help reduce the addictiveness of these products, it does not mean they are safe.
- **SelfMade Health** Network announced that access to a recent live webinar, [Enhancing Community-Clinical Linkages to Expand Lung Cancer Screening Nationwide](#), is now available. Upon completion of the general webinar registration field, the webinar link will automatically open the webinar recording.
- **ALA** will host its next technical assistance cohort call series on addressing State Medicaid Tobacco Cessation Coverage with State Plan Amendments (SPAs) and 1115 Waivers on Monday, October 16th at 2 p.m. ET and Tuesday, October 31st at 12:30 p.m. ET. If you have any questions around your work with tobacco cessation coverage and/or health systems change, please reach out to ALA at cessationta@lung.org. If you have any questions and/or want to sign up for the series, please contact Ruth Canovi at ruth.canovi@Lung.org.
- **Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth** developed [Nicotine Prevention Lessons to provide prevention education for K-12 grades](#) about

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 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

products that contain nicotine like cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and more.

In the News

- A *Washington Post* article discusses a new study in [Addiction](#) that suggests that [tobacco companies, who were skilled at marketing cigarettes](#), used similar strategies to hook people on processed foods.

Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of cross-sectional web-based survey data found that Zyn (27%) and Lucy (19%) were the [most currently used oral nicotine pouch brands with mint \(23%\) and tobacco \(16%\)](#) as the most currently used flavors, while the availability of preferred flavors was the most frequently reported motivation for use of oral nicotine pouches.
- An analysis of 2015–2019 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System data, published in *Preventive Medicine*, found that [Hispanic adolescents had lower odds of e-cigarette use than White adolescents](#) in Texas. Comparatively, in the United States, male gender, previous combustible and substance use, and depression were associated with higher odds of ever using e-cigarettes, while current use was associated with several factors including age and White race.

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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 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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