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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Partner Announcements

- **FDA** issued [marketing denial orders \(MDOs\) to R.J. Reynolds Vapor Company](#) for six flavored e-cigarette products under its Vuse Alto brand, which includes three menthol-flavored and three mixed berry-flavored products, with each flavor being offered in three nicotine strengths.
- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - To illustrate how vaping nicotine can intensify symptoms of depression and anxiety and interfere with sleep, **Truth Initiative** teamed up with actor and comedian Chris Parnell in its latest effort [Toxic Therapy from Your Vape](#).
 - The EX Program [discusses the immediate effects and longer-term benefits](#) to a company's healthcare cost savings when employees quit tobacco use.
- **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids** published [downloadable images to share on social media](#) to educate and show support for the FDA's proposed rule banning menthol cigarettes.
- **Public Health Law Center** updated its [interactive map of state e-cigarette regulations](#) and 50-state summaries of e-cigarette laws by topic.

*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

[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*

[Understanding the Perspectives of Lung Cancer Screening Among Latinos](#) – *Nuestras Voces* Network & University of Rochester Medical Center
Join webinar [here](#).
Oct. 26, 2 p.m. ET | Join webinar [here](#).

[Alcoholism & Nicotine/Tobacco Dependence](#) – Mayo Clinic Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Program
Oct. 31, 1 – 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

- **American Academy of Pediatrics** is excited to [announce a new clinical decision resource: Youth Tobacco Cessation Progressive Web App \(PWA\)](#). The PWA is intended to assist physicians and other clinicians in supporting youth tobacco cessation by delivering the Ask-Counsel-Treat model in a tool designed for use within a clinical encounter.
- **Rescue Agency** developed a new message package called “[Choose Not Worse](#),” which addresses a common trend of teens turning to vapes to cope with increasing stress and anxiety, as part of its ready-made media campaign . *Behind the Haze*.
- The **American Dental Association’s Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention**, in collaboration with the **North American Quitline Consortium**, developed the [Implementing & Fostering QuitLine Referrals: A Guide for Oral Health Professionals](#) toolkit, which offers dentists guidance on managing and how to refer patients to state quitLines to support tobacco and vaping cessation efforts.

State News

- The city council in Honolulu, **Hawaii** [passed a bill which would prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products](#)—except hookah, premium cigars, and loose-leaf tobacco—if and when a state law that preempts localities from regulating or restricting the sale and use of tobacco products is overturned or suspended. The bill now moves to the mayor’s desk for consideration.
- Governor Newsom of **California** signed into law a bill which authorizes the Department of Health and

[Comprehensive Tobacco Treating Specialist Training Program](#)

– DUKE UNC

Virtual Event

Nov. 6 – 14 | *Registration*

Required

[It's a Brain Thang: Exploring why Trauma and Substance has a Long-Term Committed Relationship](#)

– Breath Easy NC Webinar

Nov. 15, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ET | *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*

Funding Opportunities

[Request for Application - CG 24-10002 The Statewide End to California’s Tobacco Epidemic](#)

This RFA will fund up to three (3) Statewide Technical Assistant Providers (Statewide Providers) grants, one to provide specialized support for each of the following focus areas: 1) Community Engagement and Organizing, 2) Policy Development and Implementation, and 3) Youth and Young Adult Advocacy. The purpose of the Statewide Providers is to foster

the Attorney General [to better enforce the state's flavored tobacco law](#).

In the News

- A *Hickory Daily Record* article discusses a new study which concluded [smoking and being exposed to cigarette smoke during pregnancy](#) as significant risk factors for premature and low birthweight babies.

Research

- An analysis published in *Tobacco Control* [characterizes the environmental hazards of e-liquid chemicals](#) and provides regulators and researchers a readily available list for future ecological and health risk assessments.
- A special communication published in *Tobacco Control* [summarizes the history, marketing, industry deceptions, ecotoxicity, and misunderstandings](#) regarding cellulose acetate filters.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Control* analysis [examining purchasing experiences in relation to store characteristics, clerk interactions, and buyer identities](#), identified four themes: non-chain stores lacked consistency in verifying age; female data collectors experienced uncomfortable situations more frequently than male data collectors; not identifying with the store's typical demographics impacted purchase attempts; and participants suggested improvements for inspections and research during training.

collaboration, facilitate community engagement, and utilize capacity-building expertise to empower California Department of Public Health, California Tobacco Prevention Program (CDPH/CTPP)-funded projects, as well as other state, and local community partners to advance their work to end the tobacco epidemic in California.

Deadline: Nov. 21, 8 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

[Public Health Program Coordinator](#)

Alpine County Administration
Markleeville, CA

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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