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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Help Your Peers Requests

Continued cases of EVALI and Communications Concerning Vape Products

Deadline: Sept. 27

VT 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.

Mapping Largest Tobacco Product Sale Areas

Deadline: Sept. 29

NH would like to map the largest tobacco product sale areas in the state. If any other state has accomplished this, would you be willing to share?

Partner Announcements

- Addressing the ongoing battle against the proliferation of tobacco flavors—particularly menthol—**ASTHO** Chief Medical Officer Dr. Marcus Plescia [highlights the disparities these products perpetuates](#), and emphasizes the role of public health officials in mitigating health inequalities

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Upcoming Events

[Using an Intersectional Framework to Address Tobacco Use Disparities](#) – National Council for Mental Wellbeing
Webinar
Sept. 27, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. ET
| *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 Approaches to Tobacco Treatment](#) – DUKE UNC
Webinar
Oct. 12, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Cigarettes and Cycles: The](#)

through comprehensive policy.

- The following announcements come from the **CDC**:
 - The Office on Smoking and Health is pleased to announce the recipients of the funding opportunity *CDC-RFA-DP-23-0019: Building Capacity to Reduce the Burden of Menthol and Other Flavored Commercial Tobacco Products in Communities that Experience Health Disparities*. The funding recipients include: American Heart Association, Inc.; Chicago Department of Public Health; Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.; Leadership Council for Healthy Communities, Inc.; Learn to Grow, Inc.; Oregon Health Authority; Public Health Division; Rhode Island Department of Health; and University of Kentucky Research Foundation.
 - CDC has published presentations “Know the Risks: A Youth Guide to E-cigarettes” and “Know the Risks: A Parent’s Guide to E-cigarettes and Youth.” Both presentations can be found [here](#).
 - A new [CDC feature article](#) gives parents and educators tips and resources to help them protect youth from the harms of vaping.
- The following announcements are from the **FDA**:
 - FDA issued [warning letters](#) to 15 online retailers and three manufacturers and/or distributors for selling or distributing unauthorized e-cigarette products. The warning letters cite a range of popular and youth-appealing e-cigarette products, including disposable products, marketed under the brand names Elf Bar, EB Design, Lava, Cali, Bang, and Kangertech.
 - FDA’s Center for Tobacco Products and NIH’s National Institute on Drug Abuse announced the availability of the [Wave 6 Public-Use File \(PUF\)](#) from the Population

[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*

[Premarket Tobacco Product Application Processes: A 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 | *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*

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

Funding Opportunities

[Tobacco/Vape-Free College Grant](#) – Truth Initiative
This program is offering up to \$20,000 to colleges and

Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study, which contain questionnaire data collected between March 2021 and November 2021. In addition, [Wave 5.5 Ever/Never Special Collection Public-Use Files \(SCPUF\)](#) are now available along with updated [Master Linkage Files](#).

- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - Truth Initiative launched [Prescription Drug Safety: Know the truth](#), a free digital course from the nationally recognized, evidence-based youth tobacco and opioid prevention **truth**[®] [campaign](#) and the leading social impact education innovator EVERFI.
 - The EX Program highlights the [interplay between nicotine and alcohol](#) and how this can have a major effect on an individual's ability to quit either substance and stay quit.
- The **Community Preventive Services Task Force** [recommends family-based interventions](#) to prevent substance use in a recent systematic review.

State News

- District Attorney of Alameda County, **California** announced her office had [obtained a temporary restraining order against a Livermore-based company](#) for selling illegal flavored tobacco and synthetic cannabis to minors.
- The city council of Grandview Heights, **Ohio** passed [an ordinance to prohibit the sale](#) of flavored tobacco products.

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 tobacco control programs, please send those to us at tcn@astho.org.

Job Listings

- An **Oregon** circuit court judge [ruled in favor of Multnomah County's flavored tobacco product law](#), stating state law doesn't prevent the county—acting as the local public health authority—from passing ordinances regulating the sale of flavored tobacco products.
- **New York** Governor Kathy Hochul [signed public health legislation—A1025/S50](#)—which will make tobacco products less accessible by prohibiting the sale of these products at vending stands and in vending machines in state buildings.

Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of National Youth Tobacco Survey data from 2018 to 2021 concluded that only 24.5% of youth aged 10–17 were [exposed to FDA e-cigarette warnings](#), with White youth more likely to be exposed than Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black youth.
- An analysis of attitudes around graphic health warnings published in *Preventive Medicine Reports* found that support for such laws [varied by several demographic factors](#), including age, gender, educational attainment, and current smoking status.
- A data analysis published in *PLOS One* concluded that the use of tobacco and/or cannabis products was associated with [greater odds of self-reported anxiety and depression](#) between 2020 and 2022, with the greatest odds among the co-use group.

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Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Madison, WI

[Project Coordinator, Statewide Public Health Initiatives](#)
Maryland Department of Health
Baltimore City, MD

[Epidemiologic Surveillance and Evaluation Systems Coordinator](#)
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Madison, WI

[Community Grants Specialist \(Job ID: 69031\)](#)
Minnesota Department of Health
St. Paul, MN

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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