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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:

- **Nicole Aune (MT)** – 7 years.
- **Joy Gray (AR)** – 5 years.
- **Carrie Dahlquist (DC)** – 4 years.
- **Charnessa Lizama (CNMI)** – 4 years.
- **Naseeb Kibria (MD)** – 3 years.
- **Eric Eakin (NV)** – 1 year.
- **Ashtin Glodt (ID)** – 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:

- **Christina Thill (MN)**

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.

*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

[Meeting of the Menthol Subcommittee: Preparing for Menthol Funerals](#) – Wisconsin African American Tobacco Prevention Network Virtual Event
Nov. 10, 2 – 3 p.m. ET
| *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*

To update your contact information in the directory,
email tcn@astho.org.

Partner Announcements

- A recent **ASTHO** blog [highlights how states can leverage JUUL settlement funds](#) to promote evidence-based public health strategies.
- The following announcements are from **CDC**:
 - A recent CDC *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* concluded that [10% of middle and high school students reported current tobacco product use](#) in 2023 with current e-cigarette use among high school students declining from 14.1% to 10% from 2022 to 2023.
 - The CDC Office on Smoking and Health announced [Empower Vape-Free Youth™](#) campaign materials are available on the [Media Campaign Resource Center](#) which include live-action videos, social media assets, digital display images, print materials, and animated videos.
 - CDC Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) will provide free sustainability training from experts to help OSH awardees and their partners better understand the eight domains that impact program sustainability and work together to develop a plan to increase capacity to sustain tobacco prevention and cessation efforts in their state. If your state tobacco prevention program is ready to learn more about sustainability, contact: Kim Prewitt kprewitt@wustl.edu.
- Dr. Brian King, director of the **FDA Center for Tobacco Products** (CTP), [published a statement](#) summarizing the center's continued efforts to address the evaluation of CTP by an

[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*

[Marijuana Use and Nicotine](#) – Mayo Nicotine

Dependence Center

Webinar

Dec. 11, 1 – 2 p.m. ET

| *Registration Required*

[Motivational Interviewing for Health Behavior Change](#) – Mayo Nicotine

Dependence Center

Virtual Training Event

Dec. 12 – 13 | *Registration*

Required

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training and Certification](#) –

Mayo Nicotine Dependence Center

Virtual Training

Jan. 16 – 18, 2024

| *Registration Required*

Upcoming Events

[Director of the Bureau of Tobacco Control](#)

New York State Department of Health

Albany, NY

[Health Education Specialist](#)

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

Helena, MT

[Public Health Program Coordinator](#)

Alpine County Administration
Markleeville, CA

[Youth Tobacco Prevention Program Manager](#)

CADCA

Alexandria, VA

independent expert panel facilitated by the Reagan-Udall Foundation.

- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - The EX Program [shares the story of Millie](#) from Bronx, New York who, after 40 years of smoking, was able to quit.
 - In a recent blog, the EX Program highlights that [helping employees quit tobacco](#) is an important way in which employers can strengthen employee financial wellness.
- A new report from the **Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids** and **Rutgers Institute for Nicotine and Tobacco Studies** documents [how the tobacco industry uses flavored cigars to target youth and young adults](#) and highlights how companies have avoided regulations, including new product marketing restrictions and tobacco taxes.
- The **National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control** released a new resource document titled, "[Menthol and Mental Health](#)," which outlines the disparity between menthol cigarette use and individuals with mental health/substance use challenges.
- **CADCA** released the newest installment of the "[What's Trending?](#)" infographic series to equip your team, engage your community members, and inform the broader public about the dynamic landscape of e-cigarette trends, igniting vital discussions to create lasting change.
- **American Cancer Society** [released an update of its lung cancer screening guideline](#) to help reduce the number of people dying from the disease due to smoking history, with new guidelines recommending yearly screening for lung cancer for people aged 50 – 80 years old who smoke or formerly smoked and have a 20-year or greater

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 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

pack-year history.

- **Jump at the Sun Consultants, LLC** [developed a post card in anticipation of the FDA menthol announcement](#) to correct misinformation about the ban.

State News

- The Wake County commissioners board in **North Carolina** voted unanimously [to change development regulations to prevent stores that primarily sell tobacco](#) and hemp products from opening within 1,000 feet of schools, parks, greenways, homes and other similar retailers.
- The Benton Harbor city council [passed a resolution calling on the State of Michigan to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products](#) and to repeal preemption which prohibits local governments from making their own regulations on tobacco.
- The Kent City Council in **Washington** voted on an ordinance to [limit the number of retailers selling tobacco and vape products in the city](#) in the coming years.

In the News

- Marlboro maker Altria Group stated its e-cigarette brand NJOY had [filed a suit seeking an injunction against a number of companies](#) manufacturing and selling allegedly illicit e-vapor products in the United States.

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.

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.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of 2015 – 2018 National Health Interview Survey data found that [annual healthcare expenditures attributable to all current e-cigarette use was \\$15.1 billion \(\\$2024 per user\)](#) in 2018, including \$1.3 billion attributable to exclusive e-cigarette use (\$1796 per user) and \$13.8 billion attributable to dual/poly e-cigarette use (\$2050 per user).
- Based on publicly available data on state-level income, its determinants, and smoking status for 2011 – 2020, a *Lancet* analysis concluded that [the estimated annual income loss per capita attributable to cigarette smoking in 2020](#) ranged from \$331 in Utah to \$1674 in Kentucky with the cumulative loss of income and unpaid household production being \$864.5 billion (equivalent to 4.3% of U.S. GDP in 2020).
- A study published in *Addictive Behaviors*, which analyzed variation in e-cigarette use patterns and related protective factors by ethnicity among Asian American adolescents using 2019 Minnesota Student Survey data, highlighted that [e-cigarettes were the predominant form of tobacco use with Laotian and multi-racial groups](#) reporting the highest e-cigarette use and Chinese and Asian Indians reporting the lowest.
- An analysis of tobacco retail licensing data published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* concluded that the number of tobacco retail licenses in New York City [decreased from 9,304 in 2010 to 5,107 in 2022, post policy intervention](#) to cap tobacco retail licenses on tobacco retailer density levels and neighborhood inequities in tobacco access.

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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