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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- The TCN Mentoring Program is looking for mentors! TCN program managers are encouraged to complete the [intake form](#) and take part in this important peer-to-peer learning opportunity as a mentor. At least two years of program manager experience is required.

Help Your Peer Requests

Providing Technical Assistance to Behavioral Health Facilities to Implement Tobacco-Free Policies

Deadline: January 2, 2024

MT is interested in hearing from other states that have put out an RFP with the goal of providing technical assistance to behavioral health facilities to implement tobacco-free policies. Thank you.

Pregnant Mothers and E-Cigarette Use

Deadline: January 5, 2024

Wyoming is interested in any messaging, resources, or flyers that states would be willing to share regarding pregnant mothers and e-cigarette use, particularly those

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Upcoming Events

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training and Certification](#) – Mayo Nicotine Dependence Center

Virtual Training
Jan. 16 – 18, 2024
| *Registration Required*

[34th Annual National Leadership Forum](#) – CADCA National Harbor, MD
Jan. 29 – Feb. 1, 2024
| *Registration Required*

[Products on the Shelves: An Overview of the Tobacco & Nicotine Products Available Today](#) – MCHES of the MaineHealth Center for Tobacco Independence Webinar
Mar. 27, 2024 | *Registration Required*

[Virginia Conference on Youth](#)

which address the safety concerns of e-cigarette use while pregnant.

Partner Announcements

- **ASTHO** released its [annual Legislative Prospectus Series](#) which offers insights into 10 expected policy issues and evidence-based interventions that state legislatures will focus on in 2024, which includes [Tobacco and Nicotine Product Use](#).
- **The Center for Black Health & Equity** highlights [how to refute several tobacco industry](#) talking points.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA's Center for Tobacco Products' (CTP) Director Brian [King published a statement about the release of the center's comprehensive strategic plan](#), which outlines CTP's programmatic and workforce initiatives for the next five years.
 - FDA, in collaboration with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, [announced the seizure of approximately 1.4 million units of unauthorized e-cigarette products](#), including brands such as Elf Bar, with the estimated retail value of the seized products totaling more than \$18 million.
 - FDA [issued warning letters to 11 online retailers selling unauthorized e-cigarette products](#) marketed under the brand names Lost Mary, Funky Republic/Funky Lands, Elf Bar/EB Design, Kangvape, Cali, and Breeze.
 - The U.S. Department of Justice, on behalf of FDA, [filed a complaint for a permanent injunction against Jessica M. Fitzgerald and Michelle L. Allen](#) doing business as Vape Junkie Ejuice for manufacturing, selling, and distributing unauthorized e-

[Tobacco Use: New Challenges and Innovative Solutions](#) –
Virginia Youth Tobacco
Projects Research Coalition
Richmond, Virginia
Apr. 15 – 16, 2024 | Save the
Date

[Champions for Youth Summit](#) – Virginia Foundation
for Healthy Youth & Prevention
Connections
Reston, Virginia
Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2024 | Save
the Date

Upcoming Events

[Director of the Bureau of Tobacco Control](#)
New York State Department of
Health
County: [Albany](#), [Erie](#), [New York](#), [Onondaga](#)

[Commercial Tobacco Cessation Programs Coordinator](#) (Job Opening ID:
71931)
Minnesota Department of
Health
St. Paul, MN

[Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator](#) (Job
Opening ID: 12623)
Wisconsin Department of
Health Services
Madison, WI

[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

cigarette products.

- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - Twenty-five years ago, 46 states, D.C., and five territories brought litigation against the four major tobacco companies, resulting in the largest civil litigation settlement in U.S. history. Truth Initiative [highlights four ways in which this landmark tobacco settlement](#) changed tobacco control.
 - The EX Program [highlights how quitting smoking lowers the risk of all 12 types of cancer](#) and can also translate to reduced healthcare costs and increased productivity in the workplace.
- **The SelfMade Health Network**, a member of the CDC Consortium of National Networks, [announced that registration access and speaker details for the next upcoming webinar series \(2024\)](#) on “*Pathways to Health Equity: Expanding Community-Clinical Linkages to Improve Health Outcomes Among Low-Income Populations Nationwide*” will be available beginning January 2, 2024. The webinar series will take place on Wednesdays from 1 – 2:15 p.m. ET on the following dates:
 - Part 1: January 31
 - Part 2: February 21
 - Part 3: March 13
 - Part 4: April 10
- **Rescue Agency** released a brand-new ad for its licensable rural teen tobacco prevention media campaign Down and Dirty called ["Caught in a Mood"](#) which addresses a common trend of teens turning to vapes to cope with increasing stress and anxiety and explains that nicotine can negatively impact teens' mood, making them feel worse than before.

[Project Manager, Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Recovery](#)

CAI

New York, NY (preferred), may also be based in any of CAI's other offices

Funding Opportunities

[Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment or Prevention for alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs use and misuse in adult populations that experience health disparities](#) – NIH

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Disease Prevention and participating Institutes, Centers, and Offices are inviting applications for research projects that test innovative approaches to implementing Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment or Prevention (SBIRT/P) for alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs use and misuse in adult populations that experience health disparities.

This R01 funding opportunity will support clinical trial research that develops and prospectively tests implementation strategies that overcome barriers to SBIRT/P in diverse settings. Projects are strongly encouraged to include robust engagement with relevant health care and community partners and examine organizational and system contexts.

Deadline: Feb. 5, 2024

If you know of any funding opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please send those to us

State News

- The city council of Evanston, Illinois [passed an ordinance to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products](#) which includes “synthetic cooling or numbing products” in order to cover substitutes for menthol cigarettes.

In the News

- *The Daily Tar Heel* [overviews results from this year's CDC National Youth Tobacco Survey](#), highlighting the decline in e-cigarette use from 14.1% to 10% among high school students from 2022 to 2023.

Research

- A cross-sectional observation study published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* found evidence that [poorer sleep quality and higher fatigue severity were associated with increased smoking urges](#), increased barriers to cessation, and increased perceived risks to cessation.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis concluded that [continuous exposure to either combustible cigarettes or ENDS induced severe systemic inflammatory](#) and immune cell-driven lung damage in mice.
- A *Tobacco Control* survey analysis of non-tobacco-using young adults found that e-cigarette advertising features such as [people, discounts, non-tobacco \(menthol and mint/fruit\) flavors](#),

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. 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.

[positive experience claims or product images](#) increased e-cigarette product appeal.



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