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# TCN News

*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

## Partner Announcements

- **ASTHO** [sent a letter to the Biden administration](#) urging the finalization of a federal rule to prohibit the sale of menthol-flavored combustible cigarettes as soon as possible.
- In honor of the 60th anniversary of the 1964 Surgeon General's Report: [Smoking and Health](#), the **CDC Office on Smoking and Health** developed [a reflective piece which provides insights from just a few of the many individuals](#) who have been instrumental in the creation of Surgeon General's reports.
- **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids** and other public health partners released its latest annual "[Broken Promises to Our Children: A State-by-State Look at the 1998 Tobacco Settlement](#)".
- **The Center for Black Health and Equity** released the "[Truth be Told Toolbox](#)", which includes a combination of resources for community change agents seeking to understand the power and importance of storytelling for educating others about equity-centered policy.
- **CDC Foundation** released [new cigarette sales briefs exploring changes](#) in U.S. national and state cigarette sales following state flavored tobacco

*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

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

[Lessons with the State of Washington on Medicaid Data and Tobacco Use](#) – ASTHO  
Webinar  
Feb. 14, 1 p.m. ET  
| *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, 12 p.m. ET  
| *Registration Required*

[Virginia Conference on Youth Tobacco Use: New Challenges](#)

sales restrictions.

- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
  - FDA [issued marketing denial orders to Shenzhen IVPS Technology Co., Ltd for 22 SMOK brand e-cigarette products](#), which include devices, pods, atomizers, and cartridges that are part of an e-cigarette system marketed without an e-liquid.
  - As a part of FDA's ongoing commitment to transparency and collaboration, the agency has [launched a new webpage to describe how feedback from the public is solicited and incorporated](#) into its public health education campaigns. In addition to describing the research process, the new webpage also provides ways to engage with the campaigns, such as via social media, email, or even at upcoming conferences.
- **Public Health Law Center** [updated a factsheet on the tobacco industry's pursuit of preemption](#) to weaken, impede, or defeat tobacco control efforts. This resource describes how preemptive policies and seemingly innocuous preemptive language inserted into proposed legislation can block state and local advances in tobacco control.
- **Parents Against Vaping E-cigarettes** [developed resources \(social media and fliers\)](#) drawing attention to the environmental impact of vaping.
- **SelfMade Health Network**, a member of the CDC Consortium of National Networks, is happy to [announce 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*" is now available. The webinar series will take place on Wednesdays from 1 – 2:30 p.m. ET on the following dates:

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

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

## Upcoming Events

[Associate Director for Outreach](#)  
UW Center for Tobacco  
Research and Intervention  
Madison, WI

[Public Health Program Coordinator](#)  
Alpine County Administration  
Markleeville, CA

[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

- Part 1: January 31
- Part 2: February 21
- Part 3: March 13
- Part 4: April 10

## State News

- Quit Partner, the free smoking cessation program from the **Minnesota** Department of Health, [highlighted Jan. 12 as “Minnesota Quitter’s Day.”](#) an observance day to urge Minnesotans who have decided to quit commercial tobacco to keep quitting.

## In the News

- On Jan. 18, a group of public health activists organized by the African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council [participated in a menthol funeral](#) in Washington, D.C., demanding that the Biden Administration immediately finalize a federal rule to remove menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars from the market.
- Twenty one State Attorneys General [called on the Biden Administration to act quickly to finalize its review](#) of the FDA’s proposed rules to prohibit menthol as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes and prohibit all characterizing flavors, other than tobacco, in cigars.
- The [U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear R.J. Reynolds’s appeal of a lower court ruling](#), upholding California’s law prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-cigarette products.

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 at [tcn@astho.org](mailto: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

## Research

- According to new research published in *Addictive Behaviors Reports* concluded that [young people enrolled in a quit vaping program from Truth Initiative cited health \(56.1%\)](#) and social influence (15.8%) as their top reasons for quitting vaping.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of National Youth Tobacco Survey data found that [combustible tobacco smoking from 2014 to 2020 dropped by more than 50% for non-Hispanic White youth](#), more than 40% for Latino and NH-Other youth, compared to just 16% among NH-Black youth.
- A recent commentary published in the *Tobacco Control* [highlights the alarming growth of tobacco e-commerce](#), valued at \$16.7 billion in 2023 in the USA, and advocates for regulatory actions, including defining legality, subjecting e-commerce to licensing programs, and enhancing surveillance for responsible practices.

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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