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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- Join a TCN Workgroup! Click [here](#) to learn more about the Policy, Health Equity, and Membership Engagement workgroups. Please email tcn@astho.org with any questions and to express your interest in joining.

Partner Announcements

- **Truth Initiative** released a [state-by-state breakdown](#) of cigarette smoking prevalence, e-cigarette and smokeless tobacco use, tobacco taxes, youth access laws, clean air ordinances, and quitting statistics and benefits.
- The **African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council**, **Action on Smoking and Health**, and **National Medical Association** filed a [second lawsuit against the FDA](#) after the revised deadline for the menthol rule passed without finalization.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - *Nature Medicine* published [a new commentary](#) co-authored by the director of FDA's Center for Tobacco Products, Director Brian King, discussing

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Upcoming Events

For more Tobacco Control Network events and deadlines, please visit the [TCN Events](#) page!

[Virtual Community Conversation on the Youth Vaping Epidemic](#) – American Heart Association Webinar
April 25, 1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Beginning to Tackle Alcohol Use for Cancer Prevention in the U.S.](#) – National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control Webinar
April 25, 2 – 3 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

["It's About A Billion Lives" Annual Symposium on Tobacco Control](#) – UCSF

- considerations for healthcare providers around talking to adults about the relative risks of different tobacco products.
- FDA issued marketing denial orders to Shenzhen Yibo Technology Co. Ltd. for [65 disposable e-cigarettes marketed as “MNGO Disposable Stick.”](#)
 - FDA is releasing [several scientific review policy memoranda](#) that provide a snapshot of FDA’s internal thinking on certain topics within the premarket tobacco review process. This action is consistent with commitments made by CTP to post scientific policy memos and reviewer guides, as appropriate, in response to the 2022 [Reagan-Udall Foundation’s operational evaluation of the Center.](#)
 - FDA announced the issuance of [119 warning letters to, and the filing of 41 civil money penalty complaints against](#), brick and mortar retailers that engaged in the underage sale of various flavors of ZYN nicotine pouches between October 2023 – February 2024.
- **SelfMade Health Network** announced the release of a [new user-friendly toolkit](#) on commercial tobacco cessation messaging for Medicaid healthcare providers and other members of multi-disciplinary teams.
 - The **National Alliance for Hispanic Health** released the report [“State and Local Policies to Reduce Flavored Tobacco Use: Reversing the Tobacco Tipping Point Among Hispanic Youth.”](#) a comprehensive analysis that reveals the alarming increase in nicotine addiction among Hispanic youth due to the consumption of menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco and nicotine products, including e-cigarettes.
 - **Baylor College of Medicine** presents self-paced module [“From Vapes to Victory: Empowering Teens to Overcome Vaping.”](#) a comprehensive course

San Francisco, California
 April 26, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 ET | *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Dependence Pharmacotherapy](#) – Duke-UNC
 CE Short Course
 May 9, 12 – 5 p.m. ET
 | *Registration Required*

[Rooted in Power: No Menthol Sunday 10th Anniversary](#) – The Center for Black Health & Equity
 Virtual Event
 May 9, 1 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Smoking from a far: The Dangers of Second and Third Hand Smoke](#) – MaineHealth Center for Tobacco Independence
 Webinar
 May 14, 12 p.m. ET
 | *Registration Required*

[Clouded Horizons: Exploring Second and Thirdhand Smoke/Aerosol Effects of Cigarettes, E-cigarettes, and Cannabis](#) – American Academy of Pediatrics
 Webinar
 May 14, 3 – 4 p.m. ET
 | *Registration Required*

[Intensive Behavioral Health Approaches to Tobacco Treatment](#) – Duke-UNC
 CE Short Course
 May 21, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET

[How JUUL Reinvented the Electronic Cigarette](#) – Nicotine Dependence Education Program at the Mayo Clinic
 Webinar
 May 21, 1 p.m. ET
 | *Registration Required*

Office Hours – American Lung Association

designed to equip healthcare and public health professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively counsel and treat teens struggling with vaping.

- "["Clearing the Air: The Untold Story of the 1964 Report on Smoking and Health"](#) offers a comprehensive account of the pivotal moments and behind-the-scenes deliberations that led to this landmark report.

State News

- Stoneham and Wakeham, **Massachusetts** passed [laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products](#) to anyone born after 2003.
- State legislators in **Maryland** reached a deal on the next state budget which [includes a \\$1.25 per pack increase](#) in the cigarette tax and related increases for other tobacco products.
- The United Auto Workers and a group of casino workers opposed to smoking in gambling halls, [filed a lawsuit in state Superior Court](#) challenging the **New Jersey** indoor clean air law. The litigation seeks to have the exemption for casinos declared unconstitutional.
- The City of **New York** [filed a lawsuit against 11 wholesalers](#) for their part in the illegal sale of flavored disposable e-cigarettes.

News

- A [recent Spectrum News 1 article](#) highlights the potential health, economic, and political impacts of

Virtual
May 29, 2 – 3 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

Office Hours – American Lung Association
Virtual
May 30, 3 – 4 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

Job Opportunities

[Commercial Tobacco Prevention & Control Coordinator](#) (Job ID is 75766)
Minnesota Department of Health
St Paul, MN

[Tobacco Community Partnership Liaison](#)
Utah Department of Health & Human Services
Salt Lake County, UT

[Manager, Health Promotions](#)
American Lung Association
Phoenix, AZ

[Coordinator, Health Promotions](#)
American Lung Association
Phoenix, AZ

Funding Opportunities

[Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research](#) – NIH
This Notice of Information is to notify Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) who are conducting tobacco regulatory research that funds are available for administrative supplements to enhance the tobacco regulatory research workforce by recruiting, mentoring, and supporting high school, undergraduate and graduate/clinical students, post-baccalaureate and post-Masters individuals,

the proposed menthol ban through the perspectives of Wynn Welch, who started smoking menthol cigarettes at the age of 11, and Linwood Vick, who own 800 acres of tobacco farmland.

Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [analysis of the Wave 1 Tobacco Epidemic Evaluation Network study](#) found that these study data complement nationally-representative cross-sectional studies and allow for rapid evaluation of local and state policies.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [analysis of Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study data](#) concluded that the relationship between adults' ENDS use and cigarette discontinuation in the context of an expanded ENDS marketplace, new tobacco regulatory actions, and COVID-19 differs from the relationship in earlier years with cigarette discontinuation rates being ~30% for those who used ENDS and ~20% for those who did not between 2018/19 – 2021.
- An [analysis of Monitoring the Future survey data and Nielsen Retail Scanner data](#), published in the *Journal of Health Economics*, found that T21 reduced cigarette sales by 12.4 % and e-cigarette sales by 69.3 % in counties with the highest percent quartile of individuals under 21 years of age.

postdoctoral researchers (including health professionals), and eligible investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related research.
Deadline: May 15, 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.

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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