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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- Help ensure continuity and support for staff by mentoring our new and expanding workforce of tobacco control program managers! Any TCN program manager with *over two years of program management experience* is eligible. A typical time commitment for [the mentor program](#) is 12 months. Please email tcn@astho.org by **Friday, May 10** to express your interest in being a mentor.
- 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.

Help Your Peers Request

Smoke-Free Policy for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program

Deadline: May 10

Michigan is currently exploring smoke-free policy for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. We are interested in learning more about the impact and outcomes from implementing these policies in other states, as well as

*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

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

[Tobacco Dependence Pharmacotherapy](#) – Duke-UNC

CE Short Course/Virtual Training

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

lessons learned while working towards LIHTC smoke-free policy adoption or implementing a policy.

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:

- **Shellany Saimon (FSM)**
- **JayIn Jenkins (MS)**
- **Siobhan Pappas (NJ)**

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:

- **Ellen Cartmell (KY)** – 3 years.

Partner Announcements

- In a [recent Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report](#) from the **CDC** and the **American Lung Association**, it was determined that Medicaid cessation benefits can improve the health of enrollees who smoke. However, less than half of states offer comprehensive benefits, and only three states offer those benefits without barriers.
- **CDC Foundation** posted its [most recent National and State Data Briefs](#) with e-cigarette sales data

Independence
Webinar
May 14, 12 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Intensive Behavioral Health Approaches to Tobacco Treatment](#) – Duke-UNC
CE Short Course/Virtual
Training
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
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

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist](#)
North Carolina Department of
Health and Human Services
Wake County, NC

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

[Tobacco Prevention and
Control Program Manager](#)
Utah Department of Health
and Human Services
Salt Lake County, UT

[Tobacco Registry Specialist](#)
Utah Department of Health

from January 2018 – December 31, 2023, which provide an update on trends in unit sales of e-cigarettes in the United States by product and flavor type. The national brief also lists the 10 top-selling e-cigarette brands, their combined market share, and includes a figure with dollar sales of e-cigarettes.

- **The Center for Black Health & Equity** released several [No Menthol Sunday resources](#) including social media posts, posters, and captions.
- A [recent fact sheet](#) released by **Truth Initiative** highlights the increasing interest in quitting among those who smoke. It also discusses various quitting methods, including the effectiveness of digital quit tools like online programs and text message support, while also addressing disparities in quitting rates among different demographics.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA's Center for Tobacco Products and NIH's National Institute on Drug Abuse announced the availability of the Wave 7 Restricted-Use File from the [Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study](#) which contain data collected between January 2022 –April 2023, including questionnaire data, tobacco Universal Product Code data, and state identifier data. Researchers may apply for access to the Restricted-Use Files [here](#).
 - FDA announced the [issuance of warning letters to 14 online retailers for selling unauthorized e-cigarette products](#) popular among youth. These warning letters cite the sale of disposable e-cigarette products marketed under popular brand names such as Elf Bar/EB Design, Esco Bars, Funky Republic, Hyde, Kang, Cali Bars, and Lost Mary.
 - FDA, in coordination with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), announced

Salt Lake County, UT

[Tobacco Community Partnership Liaison](#)

Utah Department of Health & Human Services
Salt Lake County, UT

[Tobacco Program Manager](#)

Action for Healthy Kids® (AFHK) and RMC Health Colorado (remote)

[Manager, Health Promotions](#)

American Lung Association
Phoenix, AZ

[Coordinator, Health Promotions](#)

American Lung Association
Phoenix, AZ

If you know of any job opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial tobacco control staff, please send those to us at tcn@astho.org.

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, postdoctoral researchers (including health professionals), and eligible investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that have been

that the U.S. Marshals Service [seized unauthorized e-cigarette products](#) valued at more than \$700,000.

- FDA announced the [issuance of complaints for civil money penalties \(CMPs\) of approximately \\$20,000](#) (from each retailer) against 20 brick and mortar retailers and two online retailers for the sale of unauthorized e-cigarettes, including Elf Bar, a popular youth-appealing brand.

News

- In [a recent article](#), a pharmacist at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus discusses nicotine pouches and associated health risks due to their recent gain in popularity.
- *The Daily News* reported on [the results of Operation Vapor Trail](#), a multi-agency investigation into more than 70 vape shops in Onslow County, North Carolina.

State News

- Governor Beshear of **Kentucky** signed into law [a bill that requires school districts to adopt specific policies that penalize students for possession of alternative nicotine products](#), tobacco products, or vapor products and report nicotine-related incidents to the state Department of Education.
- The following announcements are from **Ohio**:
 - Columbus and Cincinnati joined more than a dozen Ohio cities in [challenging the state legislature's measure that prohibits them from imposing regulations on](#)

shown to be underrepresented in health-related research.

Deadline: May 15, 2024

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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

- [tobacco](#), saying it violated home rule and would harm Ohioans.
 - A judge issued [a temporary restraining order allowing bans on the sale of flavored tobacco products](#) to remain in effect in the short term in the 14 Ohio cities.
- The city council of Minneapolis, **Minnesota** is considering [an ordinance to increase the minimum price of a pack of cigarettes to \\$15](#), prohibit discounts and coupons, prohibit the sale of cigars in packages of three or less, and set a minimum price for other tobacco products.
- **Colorado** Public Radio concluded a year-long series that included 10 articles on tobacco called [Hooked: Stories about how Colorado is addicted to nicotine and the money behind tobacco](#).

dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy and to ensuring excellence in state-based public health practice.

 Forward to Friend

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* [analysis of systematic reviews presenting evidence on ENDS-related health effects](#) identified high-level evidence that ENDS exposes users to toxic substances, increases the risk of respiratory disease, leads to nicotine dependence, causes serious injuries due to explosion or poisoning, increases smoking cessation in clinical trials but not in observational studies, and increases combustible cigarettes initiation.
- A [recent article](#) published in *Tobacco Control* concluded an estimate that the US menthol ban would lead to a reduction in littering of 3,777,508,071 cigarettes per year, or 755,502 kg of waste annually if each cigarette butt is estimated to weigh about 0.2g.

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