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News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Help Your Peers Request

Overcoming Barriers of Procurement to Fund Small Community Organizations

Deadline: **June 27**

Do states have advice on how to overcome the barriers of procurement to fund small community organizations? Any examples of grant applications geared towards small community organizations (NGOs, faith-based), that may not have a grant writer, would be greatly appreciated.

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:

- **Vicki Huntington (WI)** – 17 years.
- **Jahnesta Ritter (USVI)** – 2 years.

*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!

[The National Legal Landscape of Flavored Tobacco Products](#) – Public Health Law Center
Webinar
June 20, 12:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Introduction to the National Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Recovery](#) – CAI
Webinar
June 20, 1 – 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Breaking the Hold: Addressing Racialized Trauma and Menthol Inequities](#) – National

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements are from **ASTHO**:
 - A [recent ASTHO blog](#) overviews lessons learned and key takeaways from a nine-month learning community with three state tobacco control programs (Alaska, Arizona, and New Jersey) to address hiring and onboarding challenges.
 - In a [recent brief](#), ASTHO and The Center for Black Health & Equity highlight key takeaways for its Increasing State Menthol Capacity Learning Collaborative which fostered strong linkages between state commercial tobacco control programs and community-based partners to reduce menthol and flavored product use.
- The following announcements are from **CDC**:
 - A [recent MMWR article](#) highlights that 73.7%, 93.7%, and 57.3% of women reported being asked about smoking by a healthcare provider at any healthcare visit before pregnancy, at any prenatal visit, and at a postpartum checkup, respectively.
 - An [article published in CDC's Preventing Chronic Disease](#) provides learners with the tools of the Community Capacity Building Curriculum, which provides theoretical strategies that can be implemented in local and state community-based organizations to reduce risk factors for chronic disease and improve quality of life, especially those affected by tobacco-related illnesses.
- **Public Health Law Center** hosted a [brief conversation on the latest decision in R.J. Reynolds v. FDA \(2020\)](#), which upheld the FDA's mandate for graphic health warning labels on cigarette packaging and advertising.

Behavioral Health Network
Webinar
June 20, 3 – 5 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

Job Opportunities

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist](#)
Moffitt Cancer Center
Tampa, FL

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

[Regional Tobacco Control Manager](#)
Cumberland County
Department of Public Health
Fayetteville, NC

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

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

- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - A Truth Initiative article [educates on the challenges those who identify as AANHPI face](#) to push for better inclusion and representation—including in research on disparities in tobacco use.
 - According to a Truth Initiative report overviewing findings from its flavor policy database, about 28.48% of the U.S. population is living in a jurisdiction with a flavored tobacco sales restriction in effect, but only 3.23% of the population is covered by the most comprehensive state or local flavored tobacco sales restrictions. Read more and download the full report [here](#).
 - According to research published in [Preventive Medicine Reports](#), youth and young adults enrolled in a Truth Initiative program designed to help those who use e-cigarette quit [reported higher nicotine dependence and frequency of use](#) compared to a general population sample of young people who wanted to stop vaping nicotine.
- **Rutgers Center of Excellence in Rapid Surveillance of Tobacco (CRST)** released a [summary](#) of its first six months of the Youth Tobacco Product Monitoring Project. CRST encourages your school partners to [send photos of confiscated tobacco and/or nicotine products](#) before disposing of them.
- Neasha Graves, the Environmental Health Outreach Manager at the **Center for Public Engagement with Science** at UNC-Chapel Hill, authored an [Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month blog](#) with **Duke-UNC TTS** to share how she and her colleagues are educating on the harms of tobacco and e-cigarette smoke.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:

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.



- FDA launched new technical updates for the [Searchable Tobacco Products Database](#), which include enhanced search capabilities and improved accessibility on mobile devices. Users can now search the database for multiple words, resulting in faster and more precise results for complex searches.
- FDA [announced](#) it is seeking civil money penalties from nine brick and mortar retailers and one online retailer for the sale of Elf Bar, a popular youth-appealing e-cigarette brand. FDA previously issued warning letters to these retailers for their sale of unauthorized tobacco products. However, follow-up inspections revealed that the retailers had failed to correct the violations.

State News

- The governor of **Maryland** [signed into law bills that will require tobacco retailers to obtain a license](#), require tobacco products to be displayed for sale behind a counter, include vaping e-cigarettes in the state's Clean Indoor Air Act, and increased the cigarette pack tax by \$1.25 as well as the tax on other tobacco products.
- A Franklin County judge said the recently enacted **Ohio** law [that preempts tobacco laws is unconstitutional](#). He enjoined the law—which effectively bars local tobacco regulations—as to the cities that sued, while those that didn't sue are unaffected.
- The Board of Health in **Malden, Massachusetts** adopted [a regulation prohibiting](#) the sale of tobacco products to anyone

born after January 1, 2004. The regulation will take effect January 1, 2025.

News

- On its podcast *Life Kit*, NPR [interviewed Serena Clark](#) who at the age of 18 in Oklahoma, participated in Quit the Hit, an effective tool to help teens quit vaping.

Research

- A [systematic review](#) published in *Tobacco Control* found high-level evidence that electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) increases the risk of respiratory disease, leads to nicotine dependence, causes serious injuries due to explosion or poisoning, increases combustible cigarettes initiation, and exposure to ENDS marketing increases its use/intention to use.
- An [analysis of 2021 National Health Interview Survey data](#), published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, found that, among working adults, tobacco use was highest among workers in the natural resources (industries include farming, fishing, and forestry), construction, and maintenance occupation group. Tobacco use was significantly lower among government employees, as compared to people working in the private sector.

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