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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.

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:

- **Valery Roman-Cruz (MT)**
- **Sara Araujo (NM)**

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

*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!

[Project SUN: A Culturally Adapted Youth Smoking Cessation Program for American Indian/Alaska Native Youth](#) – The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan
Webinar
July 10, 3 – 4 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Comprehensive Tobacco Treatment Specialist Program](#) – Duke-UNC
Virtual
July 15-23, 2024 | Registration Required

[Medicaid Coverage of Pediatric Tobacco Cessation Treatment](#) – American Lung

control and public health more broadly. Thank you and congratulations to the following program managers:

- **Farrah Lesa (AS)** – 3 years.

Partner Announcements

- **The Center for Black Health & Equity** released a new resource titled [“The Health Justice Guide.”](#) In addition to research and a detailed history of the tobacco industry and how it relates to today's context of predatory marketing, the guide includes practical instructions on how to use a community model to effect policy change.
- **Public Health Law Center** recently released a fact sheet, [“Youth Purchase, Use or Possession \(PUP\) Commercial Tobacco Laws and Penalties”](#), which explores the harms of PUP laws and shares valuable, evidence-based solutions to reduce youth use.
- **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids** joined with several partners to develop this [short statement](#) to demonstrate the depth of support at the local, state, and national level for eliminating all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes. Signatories will be accepted on a continuous basis.
- A **Truth Initiative** article [highlights the short- and long-term health benefits of quitting smoking or vaping nicotine](#), one being that bodily function starts to improve just 20 minutes after quitting.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - Following an extensive scientific review, FDA [issued marketing granted orders to NJOY LLC](#) for four menthol-flavored e-cigarette products—NJOY ACE Pod Menthol 2.4%, NJOY ACE Pod Menthol

Association
Webinar
July 16, 2 – 2:45 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Lessons with the State of Washington on Medicaid Data and Tobacco Use](#) – ASTHO
Webinar
July 17, 12 – 1:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Unlocking Solutions: Menthol Smoking Cessation Strategies](#) – NIH
Webinar
July 22, 12 p.m.
ET | *Registration Required*

[Including People With Disabilities: A Training Series For Tobacco Control and Cancer Prevention Professionals](#) – NACDD
National Disability Inclusion Network
Webinar
July 23, 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Getting Beyond No: Treating in Precontemplation Stage](#) – Ciatelli Associates, Inc. (CAI)
Webinar
July 30, 2 – 3 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

Job Opportunities

[Program Officer](#) (2 openings)
Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program
Helena, MT

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

If you know of any job opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial tobacco control staff, please

- 5%, NJOY DAILY Menthol 4.5%, and NJOY DAILY EXTRA Menthol 6%.
- FDA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) [announced the seizure of 53,700 unauthorized e-cigarette products](#) valued at more than \$1.08 million.
- FDA's Center for Tobacco Products and NIH's National Institute on Drug Abuse [announced the availability of the adult and youth/parent Location Characteristics Restricted Use Files](#) from Wave 1 (2013) through Wave 5 (2019) of the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study.
- FDA's Center for Tobacco Products shared its ongoing efforts to address the evaluation of the center by an independent expert panel facilitated by the Reagan-Udall Foundation. The comprehensive list of status updates for each recommendation is available [here](#).
- A new resource, created in part by the **Public Health Institute's Regional Asthma Management and Prevention Program**, offers [a series of consensus-based principles](#) to guide a community's exploration of equitable approaches to adopting smoke-free housing—helping balance the need for policies as well as housing stability.

News

- A recent *Bloomberg* article reports that the FDA is [stepping up its efforts to combat unauthorized tobacco products](#) such as flavored disposable vapes.

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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 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

State News

- A new bill in **North Carolina**, if passed, would require the state [to certify vaping and other next-generation tobacco products for sale](#)—and punish stores that sell non-certified products.
- Gov. McKee of **Rhode Island** [signed into law the state budget](#), which includes a provision to codify the state's flavored e-cigarette law. However, menthol-flavored e-cigarettes are now exempt from the state's current prohibition on the sale of all flavored e-cigs, which was created by a 2019 executive order.

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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Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis which measured particulate matter with a diameter $<2.5 \mu\text{m}$ (PM_{2.5}), at eight Las Vegas casinos, including the smoke-free casino, found that [average PM_{2.5} levels were significantly higher in casinos that allow smoking](#) for both casino gaming areas and areas where smoking is otherwise prohibited.
- A multisite randomized clinical trial, published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*, concluded that a [12-week course of cytisinicline with behavioral support was more effective than placebo](#) with behavioral support and was very well tolerated, producing significantly more continuous abstinence from e-cigarette use than placebo during the last four weeks of drug treatment.

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