



News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- On July 10–11, the TCN Executive Committee convened in-person for the TCN summer business meeting to strategize around the Network’s priorities for the 2023-2024 term, meet with the CDC Office on Smoking and Health, and receive updates from ASTHO staff on the national and state/territorial tobacco control landscape.



- TCN has implemented an updated [2022-2025 Strategic Map](#) to expand the definition of policy to include tobacco treatment interventions. The revised Strategic Map is available on the [About Us](#) tab of the TCN website.

*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!

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

Help Your Peers Requests

Smoke-Free Policy for the Hotels/Motels - Closing State Law Loopholes

Deadline: July 31

Oregon's Indoor Clean Air Act exceptions allow smoking in up to 25% of sleeping rooms in hotels/motels. I'm working on a county wide 100% smokefree hotel/motel policy and want to learn from counties/cities, who worked on closing similar state law loopholes.

- What was most helpful for communicating policy elements with community vs. internal leadership/ decision makers?
- Did you do any evaluation on policy and if so, I'm interested in examples.
- Most importantly, I am interested in any data components with a health equity focus that supports this type of policy.

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements are from **ASTHO**:
 - ASTHO members released its [Commercial Tobacco and Nicotine Use Policy Statement](#) which includes recommendations to promote comprehensive tobacco control and cessation to reduce the death and disease burden of nicotine-containing products while promoting health equity.
 - Tobacco retailer licensing (TRL) strategies are an effective policy approach to decrease tobacco usage rates and reduce the sale of tobacco

[Transformative Strategies for Person-centered Care: Bridging Health](#)

[Disparities for Justice-involved Individuals](#) –

National Behavioral Health Network

Webinar

July 30, 3 – 5 p.m.

ET | *Registration Required*

[Talking about Health](#)

[Disparities in Rural Contexts](#) – FrameWorks Institute

Webinar

Webinar

July 31, 3 – 4 p.m.

ET | *Registration Required*

[Who Uses Public Health Cessation Apps? An Examination of](#)

[Characteristics from a State Program](#) –

Washington Department of Health

Webinar

Aug 7, 1 p.m. ET

| *Registration Required*

Job Opportunities

[Program Officer](#) (2 openings)

Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program
Helena, MT

[Regional Tobacco Control Manager](#)

Cumberland County
Department of Public

products to underage persons. A [recent ASTHO blog](#) highlights several jurisdictions that have enacted or considered legislation related to implementing or strengthening TRL requirements.

- **American Lung Association** shared [a new podcast episode](#) featuring Dr. Michael Fiore, to learn about the Cancer Center Cessation Initiative (C3I) and how community health centers can implement lessons learned.
- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - In a [recent press release](#), truth® brings together stories from young people—including creators like actor Dom Gabriel, singer Bryana Salaz, and skier Griffin Laszlo—in their journey to quit nicotine as part of new “Quit Collective”.
 - In a [recent report](#), Truth Initiative highlights the new concerns secondhand aerosol poses with the rise of e-cigarette use.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA’s Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) [issued two notices in the Federal Register](#) regarding its intention to launch CTP Portal Next Generation – an improved web portal for the submission of applications for certain new tobacco products – next year.
 - The United States District Court for the Southern District of West

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 of tobacco program managers and staff from state and territorial health departments as well as Funder’s Alliance organizations, and a

Virginia [enjoined Soul Vapor LLC, a West Virginia-based company, and the company's owner, Aurelius Jeffrey](#), from directly or indirectly manufacturing, distributing, selling, and/or offering for sale any new tobacco product that has not received marketing authorization from FDA. The court also ordered Soul Vapor and Mr. Jeffrey to destroy e-cigarette products that were manufactured by Soul Vapor and are in their custody, control, or possession.

- FDA [reposted an application document](#) related to the renewal of existing modified risk tobacco product orders for Swedish Match USA, Inc.'s General Snus products and announced a deadline for public comments. Public comments on these applications must be [submitted to docket](#) by 11:59 pm ET on August 14 to ensure they receive consideration by FDA.
- Following an extensive scientific review, FDA [issued marketing granted orders to R.J. Reynolds Vapor Company](#) for the Vuse Alto Power Unit and six Vuse Alto tobacco-flavored pods, which are sealed, pre-filled, and non-refillable.
- The **University of California San Francisco's** Industry Documents Library added [289,868 new JUUL Labs documents](#) to the [Truth Tobacco Industry Documents Library](#), bringing the total number of publicly available previously secret Juul documents to 1,870,542. There are about 2 million Juul documents from the North Carolina settlement to be loaded and another 2 million documents from other state cases. Click [here](#) to access the

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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- **Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center** offers scholarships for healthcare professionals, educators, and community workers seeking to become certified Tobacco Treatment Specialists. The [NCI Exceptional-Rated Cancer Center](#) is one of just 28 institutions worldwide with accreditation to offer this type of training program. The [upcoming evidence-based workshops](#) take place on-site in Buffalo, N.Y. from October 14 to 18, 2024 and from May 12 to 16, 2025. Register and apply for scholarships [here](#) or call 716-845-5974.
- The **National Center for Farm Worker Health** recently released the [Guide for Health Centers to Address Tobacco Use Among Agricultural Workers](#). The guide is accompanied by a bilingual educational door hanger titled [How Using Tobacco Can Affect You and Your Family](#) to support community-level outreach and education efforts.



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State News

- The following news are from **North Carolina**:
 - HB 900 – a tobacco industry-led vape product registry bill was [signed into law](#) in Wake County. This bill allows all products to remain on the shelves that have submitted a PMTA to the FDA.
 - **NACCHO** released a case study, [Zoning Policies - Promising Practice in North Carolina](#), which overviews a case study in which Wake County and Cumberland

County passed ordinances to regulate tobacco retail outlet density via zoning and land use.

- The Board of Health in Reading, **Massachusetts** [adopted a regulation](#) which states that anyone born in 2004 or later will not be allowed to buy cigarettes or nicotine products in Reading when they turn 21, the legal age to purchase. Five other communities in MA have taken the same step in recent months, building on the example set by Brookline, a Boston suburb, in 2020.
- **Ohio** Attorney General, Dave Yost, [launched a campaign to combat the influx of illegal vaping devices flooding communities](#), an initiative aimed at protecting young people from addiction, respiratory problems and other severe health risks associated with these products.

News

- A recent *Washington Post* article [highlights how tobacco companies woo Black and LGBTQ+ allies to loosen vaping regulations](#) and fight Biden administration plan to ban menthol cigarettes.
 - James Davis, MD, of the Duke Cancer Institute, [felt a calling to find creative ways to help people break the grip of tobacco addiction](#). He now leads Quit at Duke, one of the largest smoking cessation programs in the United States.
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Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of PATH Waves 1-4 data found that [those who use cigars exhibited less stable use than those who used cigarettes](#), with a large portion of those who use cigars switching to cigarette use each year. This study suggests that imposing a flavored cigar ban alone may be partially undermined by the substitution of menthol cigarettes for flavored cigars.

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