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News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- The updated [TCN Bylaws](#) is now available on the [About Us](#) page of the TCN Website.

Help Your Peers Request

RVO Health as Quitline Vendor

Deadline: Sept. 7th

How many states have RVO Health as the Quitline Vendor and what type of counseling/coaching interaction does the Quitline have with participants? Is that interaction contingent on NRT being shipped to participant?

*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!

[A Triple Blow to Administrative Law: Analysis of the Loper Bright, Corner Post, and Jarkesy Decisions](#) – Public Health Law Center

Webinar
Aug. 28, 3 – 3:30 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Counterproductive: Tobacco Purchase, Use, or Possession \(PUP\) Laws](#) – Public

Partner Announcements

- **Nuestras Voces Adelante** released a [comprehensive report which 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.
- The following announcements are from **Public Health Law Center**:
 - Public Health Law Center offers an [in-depth look at the benefits and challenges of various enforcement strategies](#) for commercial tobacco-free policies in Indian country in its latest resource.
 - Public Health Law Center developed a [fact sheet on Zyn and the rise in popularity of nicotine pouches](#), addressing key questions about these new products including youth use,

Health Law Center
Webinar
Aug. 29, 2 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Clearing the Air: Steps to Going Smokefree](#) – CADCA Geographic Health Equity Alliance
Webinar
Sept. 9, 1 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Mindfulness Training for Smokers](#)
FACILITATOR TRAINING – Duke-UNC
CE Short Course/Virtual Training
Sept. 9 – 10, 12 – 5 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Implementing Opt Out/Proactive Tobacco Use Treatment Approaches in Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Settings](#) – National Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Recovery (CoE-TFR)
Webinar
Sept. 19, 1 – 2 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Champions for Youth Summit](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention Connections
Reston, Virginia
Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 | *Registration Required*

Job Opportunities

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

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

marketing strategies, and regulatory issues.

- Public Health Law Center recently developed a fact sheet, “[Flavored Tobacco Bans: Fact vs. Fiction](#),” answering common questions and debunking myths about flavored tobacco bans and highlighting their effectiveness as public health measures.
- Public Health Law Center [created a guide for those interested in state commercial tobacco control policy](#), offering insight into how legislatures operate, what to look for in bills, and the best ways to engage with a legislature.
- **Parents Against Vaping** shares its national back-to-school campaign, [The Math is NOT Mathing](#), which highlights the scope and devastating health consequences of the youth vaping crisis affecting

[Provider Outreach Specialist](#)

RVO Health

Remote (South Carolina only)

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

[Preemption Campaign Grants](#) – Voices for Healthy Kids

The Preemption Grant Opportunity funds campaigns that promote and defend local government power by working against harmful preemption. Three types of preemption campaigns will be funded under this grant: proactive campaigns, repeal campaigns, and cross-issue coalition support.

Email VoicesforHealthyKids@Heart.org for upcoming deadlines and if you have any questions.

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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


families across the country.

- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - A groundbreaking [new study](#) published in [JAMA](#) demonstrates the effectiveness of an interactive and tailored text message program in helping adolescents quit vaping nicotine and is the first published RCT of a quit vaping program among teens.
 - To help schools address how vaping has become a major distraction for educators and students, Truth Initiative and Kaiser Permanente collaborated with the American Heart Association to produce a national youth vaping prevention curriculum [Vaping: Know the truth](#). Here is what some educators who have shared the self-led course with their

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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students [have to say about their experiences](#).

- According to new research from Truth Initiative published in [Addiction](#), over half of young people surveyed [discarded their disposable devices in the trash](#), with less than a quarter reporting recycling them.
 - The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA's Center for Tobacco Products and the NIH [awarded a cooperative agreement grant](#) titled, "From Perceptions to Behaviors: A Comprehensive Approach to Examine the Impact of Public Health Communication Messaging about the Continuum of Risk for Tobacco Products." The principal investigators, Drs. Meghan Moran of Johns Hopkins University and Andy
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Tan of the University of Pennsylvania, will conduct health communication studies to better understand the impact that messaging about the continuum of risk for tobacco products may have on various segments of the population.

- FDA and the Department of the Treasury [announced a proposed rule](#) that would require an importer to submit the FDA-issued Submission Tracking Number of Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) products into the electronic imports system operated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. This new requirement will help streamline the process of reviewing the admissibility of ENDS products into the United States.

- The **UC Health Humanities Press** recently published the



first and only behind-the-scenes account of how the original Surgeon General's Report on smoking really came about, including how closely we came to losing the report when PHS leadership attempted to stop the study midway through and before critical components of the report were even written or conclusions reached. *"Clearing the Air: The Untold Story of the 1964 Report on Smoking and Health"* was authored by five individuals who actually worked on that seminal document. *"Clearing the Air"* was published as an open access publication and can be found [here](#).

State News

- In a recent episode of the [North Carolinians for a Tobacco-Free Generation podcast](#), Toshia Jordan from the Fuquay-Varina Coalition for a Healthy and Safe Community shares her journey in tobacco prevention work in **North Carolina**. With a focus on brain development and mental health, Toshia emphasizes the need for comprehensive tobacco

control efforts that address underlying issues and build supportive community relationships.

News

- *North Carolina Health News* [released a recent article on Zyn](#), highlighting that some experts worry that the small, discreet pouches packed with nicotine have the same characteristics that enticed teens to vaping.

Research

- In a study published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*—in which participants received either Very Low Nicotine Content (VLNC; 0.4 mg nicotine/g of tobacco) or Normal Nicotine Content (NNC; 15.8 mg/g) cigarettes and were [subsequently given the choice between cigarette puffs, two vape puffs, or abstaining](#)—the VLNC group made fewer choices to smoke than the NNC group.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of National Vital Statistics System data found

that [higher rates of adverse birth outcomes](#) (preterm birth, low birth weight, small-for-gestational age, all-cause infant mortality and sudden infant death syndrome) were seen in counties with high tobacco retailer density compared with those with low density.

- A *Tobacco Control* article, which analyzed Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study data, found that cigarette initiation among adults who never used cigarettes or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) products [decreased from 2017–2019 to 2019–2021](#) and persistence of ENDS-only use remained high.

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