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News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

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:

- **Tiffany Johnson (MS)** – 9 years.
- **Jennifer Trainer (CO)** – 1 year.
- **Tabetha Gerdner (IA)** – 1 year.

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements are from **CDC**:
 - A new CDC [feature article](#) highlights ways parents, educators, and healthcare providers can help youth reject or

*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!

[Implementing Opt Out/Proactive Tobacco Use Treatment Approaches in Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Settings](#) – National Center of Excellence for Tobacco-

quit tobacco use, including e-cigarette use.

- A recent CDC *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* concluded that during 2023–2024, [current e-cigarette use among middle and high school students](#) declined from 7.7% to 5.9%.
- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - Truth Initiative presents [five socioeconomic and health factors](#) that influence disparities in cigarette smoking across the country.
 - Truth Initiative shares [three important things](#) to keep in mind about quitting nicotine during times of stress.
 - A recent Truth Initiative report highlights [how the tobacco industry has targeted Black Americans](#) and strategically marketed its products, especially menthol cigarettes, which has resulted in the higher prevalence of smoking among Black Americans compared with other racial and ethnic groups.
 - Truth Initiative shares how [celebrity brands and tech-forward designs may be contributing to youth uptake](#) of these cheap, flavored, and highly addictive products in the growing

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*

[Clearing the Air® Institute](#) –
American Nonsmokers'
Rights Foundation
Philadelphia, PA
October 14 –
17| *Registration Required*

[Comprehensive Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Program](#) – Duke-
UNC
Virtual Training
Oct. 28 – Nov. 5
| *Registration Required*

[2025 Agents of Change Summit](#) – Rescue Agency
San Diego
February 24 – 25, 2025
| *Registration Required*

Job Opportunities

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

e-cigarette marketplace.

- **FDA** announced a [final rule](#) that raises the minimum age for certain restrictions on tobacco product sales. These requirements are in line with legislation signed in December 2019 that raised the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products in the United States from 18 to 21 years of age.
- The **American Industrial Hygiene Association** released a [white paper on the impacts of e-cigarette use](#) on the indoor environment and the sustainability challenges of the health effects of usage and secondhand aerosol.

State News

- Attorney General Kwame Raoul of **Illinois** has [joined a 19-state coalition in filing an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court](#), backing the FDA's stance on blocking certain flavored e-cigarette products from being sold across state lines.

News

- *USA Today* [reports that customers will no longer be able to purchase](#) cigarettes and other tobacco products at Stop & Shop as the grocery store chain [announced plans](#) to remove the products from its shelves. The grocer is also hosting

[Nicotine and Cannabis Policy Lead](#) (Job ID: 79641)
Minnesota Department of Human Services
St. Paul, MN

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

[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

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

cigarette buyback events to encourage customers to quit smoking.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of National Vital Statistics System data [estimated that a nationwide cap on tobacco retailer density](#), implemented in 2016, would have resulted in a reduction of 4,275 preterm births, 6,096 small-for-gestational-age births, 3,483 low birthweight births, 538 all-cause infant deaths, and 107 SIDS deaths in that year.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis which merged USA Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data and National Establishment Time Series data concludes that [policies that restrict access to retail tobacco have the potential to reduce smoking prevalence](#), but pairing such policies with interventions to reduce consumer demand remains important.
- According to a study published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, [the vast majority of Instagram posts by tobacco brand-owned accounts](#) did not follow FDA regulations regarding warning labels, and many included content likely to appeal to young people.
- A [study published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*](#) that analyzed data from the American Nonsmokers Rights' Foundation on indoor smoking

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

restrictions (ISR) from 1990 to 2021 and indoor vaping restriction (IVR) from 2006 to 2021 found that comprehensive ISR increased for bars (0% to 67.3%), restaurants (0% to 78.2%), and workplaces (0% to 77.5%) while from 2006 to 2021, comprehensive IVR coverage increased for bars (0% to 43.5%), restaurants (0% to 51.5%), and workplaces (0% to 53.2%).

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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