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*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

#### **TCN Announcements**

- In 2024, TCN celebrates 30 years of state and jurisdictional tobacco control programs and national partners working together to prevent and reduce commercial tobacco use. We invite you to [read our message](#) commemorating TCN's 30th anniversary to learn more about how the Network has grown over the last three decades, including the development of numerous resources and accomplishments, and testimonials that speak to the value of being involved in TCN through the peer-elected Executive Committee.

#### **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

*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.*

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#### **Upcoming Events**

For more Tobacco Control Network events and deadlines, please visit the [TCN Events](#) page!

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

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

- **Sally Herndon (NC)** – 34 years.
- **Sharon Biggers (SC)** – 22 years.
- **Jerilyn Oshel (IA)** – 10 years.
- **Neil Charvat (ND)** – 10 years.
- **Paul Alee (RMI)** – 7 years.
- **Liz Johnson (TN)** – 6 years.
- **Nicole Lovvorn (AL)** – 3 years.
- **Grace Bordallo (GU)** – 3 years.
- **Graciela Marrero Gerena (PR)** – 3 years.
- **Ivie Smart (ID)** – 2 years.
- **Vaida Liutkute-Gumarov (OR)** – 2 years.
- **Jennifer Chandler (OR)** – 1 year.
- **Christina Thill (MN)** – 1 year.

### Partner Announcements

- The following updates are from **CDC**:
  - According to a recent CDC *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, current use of any tobacco product [declined among high school students from 12.6% to 10.1%](#) from 2023 to 2024, largely driven by the decline in high school e-cigarette use (from 10.0% to 7.8%).
  - CDC updated its [2024 CDC Program Evaluation Framework](#),

[Monthly Tobacco Use Disorder Integration Office Hours](#) – National Council for Mental Wellbeing  
Virtual Webinar  
| *Registration Required*  
Nov. 12, 2:30-3:30 ET

[Tobacco Treatment in Adolescent and Young Adult Populations](#) – Duke- UNC  
Virtual Training  
| *Registration Required*  
Jan. 14

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

### Job Opportunities

[Regional Technical Advisor](#)  
CDC Foundation  
Remote

[Commercial Tobacco Policy Program Officer](#)  
Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program  
Helena, MT

[Regional Tobacco Control Manager](#)  
Mecklenburg County Public Health Department  
On-site with Travel (Region 4)

[Regional Tobacco Control Manager](#)

which is a practical, nonprescriptive tool that can be applied at any level—from individual programs to broader systems—for planning and implementing an evaluation in tobacco prevention and control programs.

- CDC’s Office on Smoking and Health, in collaboration with CDC Foundation, has [launched a new website with the latest figures](#) on U.S. e-cigarette sales and tobacco trends.
- **The National Conference on Tobacco Or Health (NCTOH) 2025** is [seeking abstracts](#) from tobacco control researchers and practitioners by November 15 at 11:59 pm ET.
- The following announcements are from the **National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control**:
  - The National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control published a new resource, [“Won’t You Be My Tobacco-free Neighbor?”](#), which supports organizations and their neighbors in collaborating on tobacco-free initiatives by providing meaningful engagement strategies, effective messaging, and solutions for addressing common barriers.
  - The National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control published an infographic,

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

[“Prioritizing Mental Wellbeing Along the Cancer Care Continuum,”](#) which illustrates the disparities faced by individuals with mental health and/or substance use challenges throughout their cancer journey.

- The following announcements are from **American Lung Association:**
  - ALA released a webcast, [Considerations for Medicaid Coverage of Pediatric Tobacco Cessation Treatment](#), which discusses what cessation treatments state Medicaid programs cover for youth, strategies to address challenges to that coverage, lessons learned from states, and what information is needed to address gaps in coverage. This accompanies an [issue brief](#).
  - Two pediatricians from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) joined ALA’s Tobacco Cessation Podcast ([Helping Kids Quit: Challenges and Opportunities](#)) to discuss AAP’s Clinical Considerations for treating tobacco use in kids and ways tobacco control programs can use it.
  - Dana Bourne from the Vermont Department of Health joined ALA’s Tobacco Cessation Podcast ([Technology and Tobacco](#)

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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[Cessation](#)) to talk about technology in tobacco cessation.

- ALA's [recent memo](#) provides a framework on coverage considerations for technology-based tobacco cessation treatments. This memo was developed for state tobacco control program staff to continue to improve coverage for tobacco cessation treatment and incorporate health equity considerations.
  - ALA released a [Glossary of Terms](#) relating to tobacco cessation coverage and health insurance.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
    - In a [new commentary](#) in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, leaders at the NIH and FDA highlight recommendations and opportunities to promote innovation in research and development of smoking cessation therapies, for which there is an urgent need.
    - FDA is issuing [guidance to industry](#) that describes FDA's enforcement policy for the "Tobacco Products; Required Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertisements" [final rule](#), which established [new required health warnings for cigarette packages and advertisements](#) to
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promote greater public understanding of the negative health consequences of smoking.

- FDA's Center for Tobacco Products and NIH's National Institute on Drug Abuse announced the release of Wave 7 Biomarker Restricted-Use Biomarker Files from the [Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health \(PATH\) Study](#). This release is the first to include biomarker data from Wave 7, which were collected between January 2022 – April 2023.

### State News

- The Public Health Accreditation Board, with funding support and in partnership with Special Olympics International, presents a [short case study](#) exploring how the **Oregon** Health Authority is working to ensure that tobacco cessation resources and assistance are accessible to people with intellectual disabilities.
  - A *Frontiers in Public Health* [analysis of a faith-based tobacco prevention network](#) in **West Virginia** found that its educational and cessation workshops yielded positive outcomes among participants, including increased awareness of tobacco marketing tactics, higher cessation rates, and improved understanding of the health impacts of tobacco.
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## Research

- A [recent analysis](#) published in *Preventive Medicine Reports* found that nearly half of all U.S. states participated in the Smoking Cessation Leadership Center's State Leadership Academy, documenting a strong commitment from participants to increase awareness and improve the provision of cessation services among behavioral health populations.

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