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News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Partner Announcements

- **The National Conference on Tobacco Or Health (NCTOH) 2025** is [seeking abstracts from tobacco control researchers and practitioners](#) to share with colleagues across the country at the premier tobacco prevention conference. NCTOH will take place August 26 – 28, 2025 in Chicago. Abstracts can cover anything from science-based studies to policy updates to new strategies to case studies. All abstracts must be submitted by October 25, 2024.

*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!

[Increasing Spanish-Language Capacity for Tobacco Recovery Through Effective Partnerships](#) – Nuestras Voces Adelante

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Webinar

Sept. 27, 1 p.m. ET| *Registration Required*

[Champions for Youth Summit](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention Connections

- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - A recent resource from Truth Initiative [provides a list of popular products](#), as well as terms and phrases that young people may use to describe e-cigarette use.
 - Truth Initiative [shares that as students return to the classroom this fall](#), they'll be excited to show off new clothes, sneakers, and electronics—and possibly new nicotine products.
- The **National LGBTQI+ Cancer Network** unveiled a new [State Best Practice in Tobacco & Cancer Control Assessment](#), which assesses how well states adhere to guidelines on providing culturally appropriate care to LGBTQI+ individuals.
- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA is providing guidance on the

Reston, Virginia

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2| *Registration Required*

[The Curious Science of Cravings](#) – UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center Webinar

Oct. 8, 1 p.m. ET| *Registration Required*

[Clearing the Air® Institute](#) – American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation Philadelphia, PA

October 14 – 17| *Registration Required*

[Getting to Next Level Outcomes: The Important Role that Peers Play in Supporting Tobacco-Free Recovery](#) –

National Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Recovery (CoE-TFR) Webinar

Oct. 22, 2 – 3 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

Oct. 22, 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET| *Registration Required*

[A Closer Look at the 34 FDA Authorized E-Cigarettes](#) – Public Health Law Center Webinar

Oct. 22, 2 p.m. ET| *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

“Tobacco Products; Required Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertisements” [final rule](#), which established [new required health warnings for cigarette packages and advertisements](#) to promote greater public understanding of the negative health consequences of smoking. Specifically, FDA is issuing [guidance to industry](#) that describes FDA’s enforcement policy for the final rule.

- FDA [issued six warning letters to manufacturers and retailers](#) for the sale or distribution of unauthorized e-cigarette products promoted at an industry trade show.

- **Public Health Law Center** has [developed a primer with key considerations about commercial speech](#) to support the public health community in efforts to regulate commercial

San Diego
February 24 – 25, 2025 | *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

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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tobacco marketing.

- **ChangeLab Solutions** has created a new guide, [Supporting Equitable Community Engagement](#), to explain the roles and activities that state health departments can pursue to support local health departments' community engagement efforts.
- **American Lung Association**, in collaboration with the **Ad Council**, are [launching a new national campaign to help parents of kids 10-14 years old](#) understand that they're the best person to talk to their children about the dangers of vaping. The campaign includes "You're The Best Person" creative assets in broadcast, radio, digital, social, out-of-home and print.

State News

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of 2015 – 2019 hospitality sector data in **Georgia** found that after comprehensive smoke-free policies went into effect in early 2018, [the](#)

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 these jurisdictions, are dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy and to ensuring excellence in state-based public health practice.



[number of food service facilities, hotels, and international visitor trips increased by 20%](#). There were also increases in the number of employees, average employee remuneration, production values, turnover/total revenue, and value added tax.

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of national probability-based survey data found that following the **California** statewide law prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products, [respondents aged 13-17 years had greater odds of expecting minty/menthol taste](#) than no minty/menthol taste for all tested new variants of non-menthol brands, compared to respondents aged 21 and older.

News

- Truth Initiative [reports on 11 leading medical, public health and community organizations](#) who have filed an [amicus brief](#) with the U.S. Supreme Court urging the Court to reverse a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals
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for the Fifth Circuit that struck down the FDA's marketing denial orders for certain flavored e-liquids.

Research

- A cross-sectional survey of current e-cigarette users, published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, [found that 25.6% of Black and 22.2% of Hispanic e-cigarette users](#) reported JUUL as their usual brand, compared to those who are White (15.7%) or another race (16.5%).
 - *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* released a [commentary which highlights the aggressive advertising strategies](#) being used to market oral nicotine pouches, including through online media, motorsport sponsorships, and out-of-home adverts.
 - A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis evaluated an anti-vaping media literacy program called MediaSense [concluded that the intervention was associated with a reduction of vaping susceptibility](#),
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improvement in harm perception, and increased knowledge of flavored e-cigarettes and Tobacco 21 policy.

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