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News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Help Your Peers Requests

Policy Monitoring Process and System

Deadline: April 1

South Dakota is looking at redoing how we collect and track our policy monitoring of all policies collected statewide. We are curious on if other states use any type of programs or have any tips/advice on what has worked best for their programs. We are in need of cleaning up our process.

Partnering with Halfway House Populations for Tobacco Treatment

Deadline: April 3

New Hampshire has an opportunity to

*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

partner with the state prison's halfway house population for tobacco treatment. If anyone has any publications or resources to share, we would greatly appreciate it!

Partner Announcements

- **CDC Office on Smoking and Health** developed new fact sheets for [parents](#) and [healthcare providers](#) on addressing youth tobacco use, including vaping.
- The [National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#) convened by the **National Network of Public Health Institutes** is still on for August 26-28 in Chicago! If you have any questions about the conference, please get in touch with [Phil Wilbur](#) or [Chris Kinabrew](#) at NNPHI.
- **NACDD's Disability Network for Tobacco Control and Cancer Prevention** is creating a campaign to empower people with disabilities to quit using tobacco products. Inspired by [CDC's Tips From Former Smokers](#), the

the [TCN Events](#) page!

[31st Nicotine Dependence Center Conference 2025: The Evolving Tobacco Landscape and Implications for Policy and Practice](#) – Mayo Clinic
Nicotine Dependence Education Program
Phoenix, AZ
March 27 – 29
| *Registration Required*

[Certified Tobacco Treatment Training](#) –
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Virtual Training
March 31 – April 4
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Dependence Pharmacotherapy](#) – Duke-UNC Tobacco Treatment Specialist Program
Online Training
April 9, 12 - 5:00 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[It's About a Billion Lives Annual Symposium](#) – UCSF
Center for Tobacco Control Research and

campaign will highlight the real-life stories of people with disabilities. The Network is asking for [your help to recruit participants](#) for this important project.

- A **Truth Initiative** article [highlights research suggesting that nicotine use can affect mental and physical health](#) by interfering with sleep.
- **NORC at the University of Chicago** is offering free program evaluation assistance to state and territorial health officials who need help assessing the outcomes, effectiveness, impact, or value of a program, policy, or practice. Interested individuals should email ProgramEvalSupport@norc.org. Include a brief description of your program evaluation support needs, such as information on the program, policy, or practice that you wish to evaluate; the extent to which your team has begun planning or implementing the evaluation; and which steps of the evaluation could most benefit from assistance. The deadline to

Education

San Francisco, CA

April 11 | *Registration Required*

[2025 Tobacco Policy and Responsible Retailing \(“TPRR”\) Conference](#) –

National Association of Attorneys General

San Diego, CA

April 22 – 23 | *Registration Required*

Job Opportunities

[Program Manager](#)

Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program
Helena, MT

[Virtual Coach - Preventative Services](#)

RVO Health
Remote

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

express interest is **March 28, 2025**.

- **North American Quitline Consortium** brings you a [free accredited lung cancer screening course](#) for tobacco treatment specialists through [Project ENGAGE](#). This course is designed to empower you with the knowledge and strategies needed to effectively educate your clients about lung cancer screening.
- An [American Journal of Preventive Medicine](#) study co-authored by **FDA** scientists was released showing the agency's youth e-cigarette prevention campaign, "The Real Cost," [successfully reduced e-cigarette use among youth](#). The campaign was found to have prevented an estimated 444,252 American youth (age 11-17 at study recruitment) from starting to use e-cigarettes between 2023 and 2024.

State News

- The House Commerce Committee in **Iowa** approved a bill that

[Request for Grant Application: Community Innovations in Commercial Tobacco Control](#) – Arizona Department of Health Services
Deadline: April 17, 3 p.m. local AZ Time
The objective of this Solicitation is to establish Grants with community organization(s) in the State of Arizona to provide commercial tobacco and electronic nicotine use prevention, education, and cessation services who primarily serve Arizonans most disproportionately impacted by commercial tobacco use, as outlined in the ATCP's Five Year Strategic Plan, 2022-2026. Ultimately, these funded entities will work with ADHS ATCP towards accomplishing its vision: an Arizona free of commercial tobacco use. To support organizations serving communities most disproportionately impacted by commercial

would [repeal casinos' exemption](#) from the state's smoke-free air law. It now moves to the full House floor for further consideration.

- The San Francisco, **California** City Attorney [announced that his office secured a \\$250,000 judgment](#) that requires two smoke shop owners to surrender all illegal flavored tobacco products.
- SB 1313 in **Texas** would [prohibit the use of certain images and signage in the advertising or marketing of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or tobacco products.](#)
- A bill in **New York** was [introduced that would prohibit the sale of disposable e-cigarettes.](#)
- [HB 3191](#) in **Illinois** would impose a tax on e-cigarettes containing nicotine at the rate of \$2.98 per e-cigarette. These funds would be used to fund public health initiatives, tobacco prevention programs, and youth-focused educational

tobacco use by developing targeted messages, programs, and collaborative partnerships.

[Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program](#) – Truth Initiative

Deadline: April 24

The Truth Initiative Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program is offering grants of up to \$20,000 to colleges and universities to support the adoption and implementation of a 100% tobacco/vape-free policy. Grantees of the Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program receive guidance through webinars, an in-person training, and one-on-one consultations throughout the grant period. Since 2015, the Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program has provided funding to more than 220 colleges, universities, and college systems to advocate for and adopt a 100% tobacco-free policy.

campaigns aimed at reducing nicotine consumption.

News

- WHO is [celebrating the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of its Framework Convention on Tobacco Control \(WHO FCTC\)](#) – one of the most widely embraced UN treaties in history. The Convention provides a legal framework and a comprehensive package of evidence-based tobacco control measures which include large pictorial health warnings on cigarette packages, smoke free laws and increased taxes on tobacco products.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of [purchase attempts made from online vaping retailers](#) shipping to San Diego residential addresses found that 84.5% of retailers with receipts did not charge the required 12.5% excise tax.

[Notices of Funding Opportunity: Drug-Free Communities \(DFC\) Support Program](#) – CDC Office on Smoking and Health

Deadline: May 5

The DFC Support Program, administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, is the nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use. Many DFC coalitions choose e-cigarettes as a focus area with their funding. Eligible organizations can apply for [Year 1](#) or [Year 6](#) funding. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the NOFO application workshops. For applicants applying for year 6: Tuesday, March 25 from 2–4 p.m. ET. [Register here](#). For new coalitions, applying for year 1: Wednesday, March 26 from 2–4 p.m. ET. [Register here](#). If you have any questions, please

email DFC_NOFO@cdc.gov.

[Quit & Thrive Challenge: Community-Derived Solutions to Reduce Menthol Cigarette Smoking](#) – ODP and CDC

Deadline: Sept. 2
ODP and CDC are sponsoring Quit & Thrive Challenge: Community-Derived Solutions to Reduce Menthol Cigarette Smoking to enhance the evidence base of interventions to help individuals from populations experiencing health disparities quit smoking, with a specific emphasis on menthol cigarettes. The Challenge encourages submissions from local and state organizations and agencies to highlight promising community-led solutions to address menthol cigarette smoking. Up to nine prizes of \$100,000 each will be awarded to organizations with the most successful

or innovative community-led strategies.

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 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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