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News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- **On Wednesday, July 16, from 3-4 pm ET**, TCN members will have the opportunity to hear from ASTHO's Chronic Disease Risk Factors team, led by Director Josh Berry and Senior Analysts Amy Ciarlo and Ann Abraham, who provide administrative and coordinating support to TCN. The discussion will focus on what the future of TCN may look like as a result of HHS restructuring and changes to CDC funding, strategic planning for the next three years, and the sharing of resources and opportunities for continued connection. This event is

*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!

open to all TCN members and partners. Registration is required. [Please register here.](#) Questions for the ASTHO team can be provided in the registration.

- While TCN stays apprised of the developments happening at the federal level, we acknowledge the challenges this presents to jurisdictions and remain committed to supporting tobacco control programs with information, resources, and by staying connected. If you have new updates to share, please consider communicating those impacts through the following channels:
 - [Anonymous survey](#) via Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
 - Send tcn@astho.org an email with any impacts, especially relating to staffing and programming changes. Please reference the TCN Help Your Peers request, "Tobacco Control Program Staffing and Capacity Impacts," disseminated via email on May 1 for additional

[Act for Public Health 2025 Briefings: Navigating the Impact of Federal Actions on Public Health Practice](#) – ChangeLab Solutions
Virtual Briefing
June 25 and July 9, 2 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Coverage that Counts: Strengthening Tobacco Cessation Through Medicaid](#) – NACDD
Webinar
June 30, 1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Innovative Strategies to Increase Youth Engagement in Tobacco Control Programs](#) – NACCHO and Latino Connection
Webinar
June 30, 3 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Project TEACH ECHO](#) – The University of Texas MD Anderson Center
Webinar
July 1 & 15, 1 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required, Bimonthly sessions*

details.

- Many of you attended the monthly National and State Tobacco Control Program Technical Assistance webinar, hosted by CDC's Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) that recurred on the second Thursday of each month. In their absence, Truth Initiative reconvened regular meetings with ASTHO and the Tobacco Control Network to focus on the needs of the state tobacco control programs and help fill the gaps left with the elimination of CDC/OSH. Register [here](#) for the State Tobacco Control Program TA Webinars.

Partner Announcements

- Join **Act for Public Health** for biweekly from through July 9 for [30-minute informal discussions between speakers with topical expertise](#), which will cover federal actions on subject areas such as: immigration; LGBTQ+ communities; diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility initiatives; and more.

[Monthly Tobacco Use Disorder Integration Office Hours](#) – National Council for Mental Wellbeing Webinar
July 8, 2:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Commercial Tobacco Product Taxation: Lessons Learned from the Navajo Nation](#) – Public Health Law Center Webinar
July 9, 2 p.m. ET

[State Tobacco Control Program Technical Assistance Meeting](#) – Truth Initiative and ASTHO/TCN Webinar
July 10, 3 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Neurobiology and Recovery: Addressing Nicotine Use Among Individuals with Serious Mental Illness](#) – UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center Webinar
July 15, 3 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

- **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 campaign will highlight the real-life stories of people with disabilities, including U.S. veterans, who have quit using tobacco products to inspire others to also quit. They are [asking for your help to recruit participants](#) for this important project.
- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - Truth Initiative's [webpage](#) will be updated with future developments to stay apprised of the impact of federal cuts on tobacco control efforts.
 - Truth Initiative highlights [another reason that may motivate people to leave e-cigarettes](#) behind — the huge environmental cost.
 - This Pride Month, Truth Initiative is supporting the LGBTQ+ community in

[TCN Office Hour: The Future of TCN](#) – TCN

Webinar

July 16, 3 p.m.

ET | *Registration Required*

[2nd U.S. Tobacco Endgame Summit](#) – Action

on Smoking & Health

Chicago, IL

Aug. 25, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CT | *Registration Required*

Job Opportunities

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

[Quit & Thrive Challenge: Community-Derived Solutions to Reduce Menthol Cigarette](#)

[Smoking](#) – The National Institutes of Health Office of Disease Prevention

Deadline: September 2, 2025

quitting nicotine through [Pride + Progress](#), part of the [Culture + Cessation Collective](#). The coalition, comprised of community leaders, LGBTQ+ advocates, mental health professionals, and cessation experts, provides an inclusive environment to discuss solutions to end nicotine addiction and share actionable resources.

- The Youth Engagement Alliance, a program of the **Truth Initiative**, with collaborative support from the **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids**, is hosting the Coordinator Camp for adults who work in youth programming. It is a day-long professional development and networking opportunity taking place the Monday before NCTOH – August 25 in Chicago, IL. To offset some of the costs associated with travel, registrants can apply for a travel stipend. The registration and Stipend Support Application deadline is July 8. [Learn more here](#).

ODP's Quit & Thrive Challenge will showcase successful and innovative community-derived solutions that have reduced menthol cigarette smoking among populations with disproportionately high rates of menthol cigarette use. These solutions may help inform future federally funded research initiatives or demonstration projects intended to enhance the evidence base of interventions that help individuals quit smoking. By publicly highlighting effective solutions, the Challenge also may encourage broader adoption of best practices to reduce menthol cigarette smoking. Up to nine prizes of **\$100,000 each** will be awarded to organizations with the most successful and innovative community-led strategies.

If you know of any funding opportunities that would appeal to state and

- The following announcements are from **Public Health Law Center**:
 - The Center's [latest resource](#) explains how to report potential violations of federal laws that regulate the sale and delivery of tobacco products, including the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking (PACT) Act, and Tobacco 21.
 - The Center [updated its interactive map](#) of state e-cigarette laws and summaries. The map and summaries are based on a survey and analysis of e-cigarette-related statutes in all 50 states, Washington, DC, and five U.S. territories.
- **FDA** [issued a filing letter to Swedish Match USA, Inc.](#) for its modified risk tobacco product (MRTP) applications for 20 ZYN nicotine pouch products.
- **American Lung Association** [shares steps men can take to reduce the](#)

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

[risk of lung disease](#) and keep their lungs healthy for years to come.

State News

- Under a proposal that state lawmakers advanced, **Maine** pharmacies [would no longer be allowed to sell tobacco products](#).
- The Williamstown, **Massachusetts** town council [voted to implement a ban on smoking or vaping tobacco products in apartments](#) with more than four units. This is the first municipal smokefree housing law passed outside of California.
- The **Illinois** state legislature [passed a budget for the new fiscal year](#), which includes increasing the tax on tobacco products.
- In response to **Oklahoma's** HB 2783 becoming law, which would allow the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) board of directors to be removed "at the pleasure" of their

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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appointing authority, TSET [voted to file a lawsuit](#) challenging the legislation stating it conflicts with the state's constitution.

- The following announcements are from **Minnesota**:
 - "Thanks to the involvement of the federal office, Minnesota had [access to expert guidance and tools](#) to help our state's citizens make the break from commercial tobacco," says a recent *Duluth News Tribune* article.
 - Minnesota's campaign, [Room to Breathe](#), won a Gold ADDY from the American Advertising Awards.
- Building on the successful sales bans in Manhattan Beach and Beverly Hills, Public Health Law Center and American Lung Association [developed a new model ordinance](#) that offers **California** cities and counties guidance in adopting a comprehensive, equity-focused retail endgame policy, and could

serve as an example for communities in other states.

News

- A recent *POLITICO* article highlights that HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s Make America Healthy Again report [did little to discuss one of the biggest contributors to chronic disease](#) and the leading cause of preventable death in the United States: smoking.
- A *NY Times* article highlights that, [from movies and TV shows to music](#), smoking is no longer taboo. It's even being celebrated for the way it makes characters look cool or powerful.

Research

- According to new research from a randomized clinical trial published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, adolescent e-cigarette users who reported a higher number of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) — potentially traumatic events such as

abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction — were [20% less likely to successfully quit vaping](#) compared to those with fewer ACEs.

- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of National Health Interview Survey data concluded that during 2019-2023, estimates for any disability were [significantly higher for adults who currently and formerly smoked](#) compared with those who never smoked.

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