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News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- The [TCN Forum](#) is a private online discussion and idea-sharing community, open to all state and territorial tobacco program staff, where you can tap into the expertise of tobacco control program staff from across the country! For more information on how to use the Forum's many features, please reference [this process document](#). Please contact tcn@astho.org with any questions. [Sign up](#) for the TCN Forum to read more and engage in these discussions!
 - *Tobacco Retail Environment:* Counter Tools has partnered with the Indiana Department

*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!

[National Updates on E-](#)

of Health (IDOH) to host a series of four meetings to discuss community level zoning-based strategies that can support population-level health improvements. We are excited to invite you to this meeting series, which will bring together state tobacco control program staff from across the country....(Post by Miranda Spitznagle - IN)

- *Proposed Bills/Legislation:* Senate Bill 180 was signed into Florida law during the 2025 spring session and took effect on July 1, 2025. The intent of the bill was to restrict local governments from passing new land use rules that might impede construction, reconstruction, or redevelopment in the wake of a hurricane....(Post by Robert Ostybye – FL)
- *What's New?:* Tennessee had a recent legislative win and we wanted to share the good news with our colleagues. During our legislative session this year, an e-cigarette registry bill was introduced by industry-backed

[Cigarette Registry Laws and Implications for Public Health](#) — Public Health Law Center
Nov. 18, 12 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Intensive Behavioral Health Approaches to Tobacco Treatment](#) — Duke-UNC Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Program
Virtual Training/CE Short Course
Nov. 19, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Building a System That Helped 300,000 People Quit Smoking](#) — UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center
Dec. 2, 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[AI processes to improve tobacco use treatment in outpatient and inpatient care](#) — Duke-UNC Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Program
Dec. 3, 12 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Quarterly Media Network Call](#) — Plowshare

sponsors....(Post by Jacob Black – TN)

- *Southeastern Region:* I am trying to convene a Southeastern Tobacco Evaluators Round Table to share information and serve as a forum for discussing surveillance and evaluation projects and methods....(Post by Rajeev Mavath - SC)

Congratulations new Program Managers!

In the first newsletter of each month, TCN recognizes newly hired state and territorial tobacco program managers.

Congratulations to the following program manager:

- **Hilary Baker (KY)**

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.

Jan. 15, 2026, 2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment in Adolescent and Young Adult Populations](#) — Duke-UNC Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Program Virtual Training/CE Short Course

Jan. 20, 2026 | *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training](#) — Mayo Clinic

Virtual Training
Feb. 10-12, 2026
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training](#) —

Duke-UNC Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Program

Virtual Training
Feb. 23, 2026 & Mar 3, 2026 | *Registration Required*

[Champions for Youth Summit](#) — Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth

Reston, VA
May 4-6, 2026
| *Registration Required*

Thank you and congratulations to the following program managers:

- **Charnessa Lizama (CNMI)** – 6 years.
- **Carrie Dahlquist (DC)** – 6 years.
- **Naseeb Kibria (MD)** – 5 years.
- **Ashtin Glodt (ID)** – 3 years.
- **Bjorn Blomquist (NV)** – 1 year.

Help Your Peers Request

Impacts to Your Program Due to Lack of Funding/Delayed Funding

Deadline: Nov. 13

"We are looking to see how the lack of funding/late funding has impacted other states. We are compiling a list to have readily for our legislation.

For example, did Quitline services change, staffing, program shutdown, etc.?"

Using Funds from JUUL Settlement

Deadline: Nov. 17

How are states using funds from the JUUL Labs, Inc. settlement?

Using Athena Health and Making eReferrals to the Quitline

Deadline: Nov. 21

We have a Massachusetts health center who wants to make eReferrals to the

[Tobacco Treatment](#)

[Specialist Training](#) — Mayo Clinic

Virtual Training

Jun. 23-25, 2026

| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment](#)

[Specialist Training](#) — Mayo Clinic

Rochester, MN (Hybrid)

Aug. 18-20, 2026

| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment](#)

[Specialist Training](#) — Mayo Clinic

Virtual Training

Nov. 3-5, 2026

| *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

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

Quitline and uses Athena Health. They are running into a configuration issue where the referral comes across as a digital fax, which is some sort of default within Athena Health. They aren't certain how to change that, and we would like to learn from a health system that is doing it successfully. Does anyone have a health system in their state that uses Athena Health and is making eReferrals to the Quitline? We would love to chat with you.

Partner Announcements

- [CDC Media Campaign Resource Center](#) is your source for free and low-cost tobacco education campaign materials! You can type in a keyword to start your search or use the section links to find ads for your campaign. The MCRC is functional and there are contract staff available to process orders for high-quality, evidence-based communication materials that can be used in campaigns, quitline promotion, etc. Although there is a website banner that says the MCRC is not processing orders at this time, if you click "Browse the Collection," and then select "Contact Us," that email will go to contract staff that can help. Contact us at mcrc@cdc.gov. Please continue to use this highly

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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.

important resource while you still can!

- **CDC Foundation** released an [executive summary of a rapid landscape assessment](#) conducted in September '25 to assess the state of tobacco cessation efforts, including changes since April '25, and to identify current needs. If you have any questions, please email Brenna VanFrank at bvanfrank@cdcfoundation.org.
- **FDA** established the closing date for the public comment period on the [modified risk tobacco product \(MRTP\) renewal applications submitted by Philip Morris Products S.A.](#) for several IQOS heated tobacco products. Public comments on these applications must be [submitted to the appropriate docket](#) by 11:59 p.m. ET on December 8, 2025.
- [Nicotine-Free Generation policies](#) phase out sales of tobacco or nicotine products by raising the minimum legal age for tobacco product sales by one year every year. Download a [new report](#) from **Truth Initiative** to learn more about where these policies have been implemented, and their

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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impact on public health.

- **Action on Smoking and Health** published its [2025 US Tobacco Industry Interference](#) Index showing that the United States' global rank has worsened this year. [Sample social media content](#) and [graphics](#) are available to download and use.
 - **Public Health Law Center** released its [latest commentary](#) which examines the tobacco industry's myth that federal law permits the sale of unauthorized tobacco products.
 - The Communication Workgroup of the **National Partnership on Behavioral Health and Tobacco Use** created a [ready-to-use PowerPoint slide deck](#) entitled "Behavioral Health and Tobacco Product Use," designed for external presenters to educate audiences on the harms of tobacco, share treatment resources for individuals with behavioral health conditions, and provide key references with credible citations.
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- As casinos and the American Gaming Association mark Responsible Gaming Education Month, **American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation** is [spotlighting a glaring gap in the industry's message](#): casinos cannot credibly promote responsibility while still allowing smoking indoors.
- **Partnership to End Addiction** released [a guide that breaks down age-appropriate tips](#) for talking to children about substances, from preschool through young adulthood. These tips will help parents build trust, open up conversations, and support healthy choices at every stage.

State News

- The following announcements are from **California**:
 - The Tiburon town council passed an ordinance unanimously, [enacting a complete ban on all tobacco and nicotine products](#) in the southern Marin County town — including cigarettes, cigars, vapes and other e-smoking devices — as well as

deliveries of any tobacco goods.

- California's Unflavored Tobacco
List regulations [continue to be a complication for cigarmakers, retailers and consumers](#). Days after the October 9 application deadline — which required cigarmakers to register each individual cigar they wish to sell in the state or risk them being deemed illegal — questions still remain and legal battles continue.
- The San Diego City Attorney's Office [reached a settlement in its civil enforcement action under the Unfair Competition Law against Vapor Authority Inc.](#) for unlawfully selling flavored tobacco products. As part of the settlement, Vapor Authority has agreed to pay a \$100,000 penalty and comply with a three-year injunction prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products.
- The San Francisco city attorney's office [secured a roughly \\$3 million settlement](#) with online tobacco retailers it accused

of skirting San Francisco's 2017 flavored tobacco ban through online Zyn sales.

- The following announcements are from **Michigan**:
 - Detroit's City Council voted to [prohibit the use of smokeless products](#), including nicotine pouches, in the city's professional sports stadiums.
 - Detroit Metropolitan Airport is [seeking proposals for a bar lounge concept](#) with food, retail cigars and an enclosed cigar smoking area, according to the Wayne County Airport Authority.
- Voters in Denver, **Colorado**, [upheld the city's ordinance ending the sale of flavored tobacco products](#), including flavored e-cigarettes, menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars.
- South Hadley, **Massachusetts** [passed a nicotine free generation law](#) that prohibits anyone born on or after

January 1, 2005, from purchasing tobacco and nicotine products.

News

- Tobacco companies spend billions of dollars on predatory marketing techniques encouraging people to use their products, including specific targeting of AANHPI communities. View and download a [fact sheet](#) from the *Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum* to learn more about advertising techniques to watch out for and strategies to protect from misinformation.
- In a recent podcast episode, [Addressing Vaping Harms Through Research and Policy](#), *North Carolinians for a Tobacco-Free Generation* talks with Dr. Joseph Lee from Wake Forest University and Dr. Eric Soule from East Carolina University about how vaping has evolved, what drives young people to start, and what strategies are showing promise in prevention.
- *HealthDay News* reports results from the National Youth Tobacco Survey which show that less than half of participating high school and middle

school students have been [screened for tobacco use by a health care provider](#).

- *NPR's Short Wave* podcast highlights research showing that [quitting later in life can still be beneficial](#) — and could lower the risk of dementia.

Research

- A cross-sectional analysis of National Survey on Drug Use and Health data and published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Control* found that among those who use cannabis, [price elasticity was statistically significant](#), indicating that a 1% increase in cigarette prices is associated with a 0.20%, 0.27%, and 0.47% decrease in smoking participation, smoking intensity and overall cigarette demand.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis which examined the interactive effects of sex, cigarette smoking status, and second-hand smoke exposure on COPD prevalence and incidence concluded that [smoking status increased risk of COPD incidence](#) for

both males and females, but to a greater extent for males.

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