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Help Your Peers Requests

RFP Examples for Selecting Organization to Support a State-Level Youth Engagement Program

Deadline: July 27

We are seeking out any existing language, requirements, or example scopes of work used in an RFP for selecting an organization to support the development and implementation of a state-level youth engagement program.

We're in the process of developing our own RFP and would really appreciate any documents, sample language or guidance you're willing to share, including:

- Required qualifications or organizational capacity statements - Program implementation expectations
- Community engagement requirements
- Evaluation or reporting criteria

- Any helpful lessons learned from past procurements

Guidance for AI Use

Deadline: August 5

Does your agency have guidance for AI use?

We know we need to rapidly build and improve our ability to guide AI use by staff as well as vendors and external partners. We are interested in examples of clear language outlining appropriate and prohibited uses of AI that could be included in contracts, workplans, etc. especially when cessation services and patient data are involved.

- Does your state reference AI in your quitline contract?
- Does your state reference AI in your contracts with other cessation service providers?
- Has your state encountered any issues, whether internal or external, in the process of adding AI language into agreements?

If you have examples that can be shared, we'd love to see them. If you prefer to meet and discuss, we'd love to meet with you.

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements are from **Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (TFK)**:
 - TFK reports that a coalition of public health organizations, pediatricians and parents [filed a federal lawsuit challenging FDA's](#)

[new enforcement policy](#) that allows e-cigarette and nicotine pouch products to be marketed and sold without the scientific review and marketing authorization required by federal law.

- TFK released the following new and updated resources:
 - [Claims about Potential Cognitive Benefits of Nicotine are Exaggerated and Misleading](#) (new)
 - [Overview: Understanding the Health Risks of E-Cigarettes](#) (updated)
 - [Anatomy of Addictive Technology: “Smart Vapes”](#) (updated)
 - [Nicotine Pouches and Young People](#) (updated)
- **Truth Initiative** shares that oral nicotine pouches such as [Zyn are gaining ground among athletes](#), replacing smokeless tobacco products (like chew, dip, and snus) that players have used historically.
- **North American Quitline Consortium** offers [From Risk to Recovery: Cardiac Rehabilitation and Tobacco Cessation](#), a free, accredited course designed specifically for Tobacco Treatment Specialists. Integrating conversations about cardiac rehabilitation into

tobacco treatment work can increase client awareness of the cardiovascular benefits of quitting smoking, help eligible patients access lifesaving services, and support better long-term recovery and quality of life.

- The following announcements are from **FDA:**
 - As part of FDA's ongoing work to promote efficiency and effectiveness, and to improve the overall tobacco product document submission process, FDA is [announcing additional updates](#) to the Center for Tobacco Products Portal Next Generation (CTP Portal NextGen). With the rollout of these new features, FDA is also announcing that it will phase out the use of eSubmitter forms for PMTA and SE submissions.
 - FDA's Center for Tobacco Products and NIH's National Institute on Drug Abuse [released new Wave 8 Public-Use Files](#) from the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study. The updated PATH Study Wave 7 Biomarker Restricted-Use File now also includes new tobacco-specific nitrosamine and F2-isoprostane data from the Wave 7 Biomarker Core.
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- **The National Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Recovery (CoE-TFR)** is looking for five states to join [Cohort 3 of the Tobacco-Free Recovery Learning Community](#), an 18-month peer learning initiative that aims to reduce commercial tobacco use among people with mental health and substance use challenges. The deadline to apply is **Aug. 25th**. [Register](#) for the webinar on July 30th to learn more.

State News

- **New York** Attorney General Letitia James and State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald [secured a settlement shutting down Liberty Smokeland](#), an unlawful and unlicensed vape shop in Ilion, Herkimer County.
- **Vermont** Governor Phil Scott [signed into law a bill which will increase tobacco license fees for retailers](#) and wholesale dealers and would prohibit the sale of deceptive tobacco.
- **Hawaii** Governor Green [signed into law bills that prohibit the sale of all disposable e-cigarettes](#) in the state and create a registry allowing only FDA-authorized e-cigarettes to be sold in the state.

- **North Carolina** Governor Stein signed the annual state budget into law, which [adds an annual \\$1,000 tax on e-cigarette stores](#) and requires them to verify that customers are 21 years of age or older.
- The San Francisco Board of Supervisors in **California** [enacted a regressive proposal on a 7-4 vote to permit indoor cannabis hospitality venues](#) in the city, allowing retail spaces to transform into cafes and entertainment lounges where indoor smoking and vaping are completely legalized.
- The Wayne County Airport Authority in Detroit, **Michigan** is [scrapping its proposal to open an indoor cigar lounge](#) at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW), marking a major victory for airport workers and the millions of travelers who pass through the facility each year.
- A district court judge in **Denver, Colorado** dismissed a lawsuit filed by the Rocky Mountain Smoke-Free Alliance, which argued that the City and County of [Denver's ordinance banning the sale of flavored tobacco products is unconstitutionally vague](#) and violates multiple aspects of both the state and U.S. Constitutions.

News

- A recent *Reuters* article shares that six U.S. senators [wrote public letters to tobacco giants Reynolds American and Altria](#) to ask questions about donations and lobbying of the Trump administration.
- A recent study, published in *BMJ Public Health*, from researchers at the University of California San Diego developed and [validated a new way to measure changing social norms](#) around cigarette smoking and secondhand smoke exposure in the United States over the last three decades.
- *The Associated Press* reports on [how parents can speak to their children about vaping](#) as FDA authorizes some flavored e-cigarettes.

Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of longitudinal data from dual and cigarette-only adults who smoke in Wisconsin, found that [cigarette and e-cigarette dependence scores were nonlinearly associated with product-switching patterns](#), with higher e-cigarette dependence relative to cigarette dependence predicting a greater likelihood of transitioning to e-cigarette-only use.

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis using the TwIST microsimulation model informed by Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study data, projects that a [national menthol cigarette ban would cut adult tobacco use by 38.5% within ten years](#), increase average life expectancy by 73 days, and reduce lung cancer incidence by 14.4%.
 - An analysis of peer-reviewed and grey literature published in *Globalization and Health* identified [five recurring tactics of tobacco industry interference](#) across the policymaking process, present in approximately 50 countries.
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