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*News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network*

### TCN Announcements

- The [TCN Partners](#) page is now updated with a list of national organizations supported by CDC offering training and technical assistance in tobacco control.

### 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. Thank you and congratulations to the following program managers:

- **Jennifer Trainer (CO)** – 3 years.
- **Tabetha Gerdner (IA)** – 3 years.

*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.*

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### Upcoming Events

For more Tobacco Control Network events and deadlines, please visit the [TCN Events](#) page!

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The University of Texas

## Partner Announcements

- The **National Network of Public Health Institutes** is now [accepting abstracts](#) for the [National Conference on Tobacco or Health \(NCTOH\) 2027](#).

The deadline is **Friday, Sept. 25 at 11:59 p.m. ET**. NCTOH will take place from June 30-July 1, 2027, in San Diego, CA.

- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
  - Truth Initiative provides an [overview of Zyn](#) and other oral nicotine pouches.
  - Truth Initiative highlights that by understanding how young people start using tobacco products and how nicotine addiction impacts the young brain, parents and educators can [prepare to have productive conversations with young people](#) on making informed choices about nicotine and substance use.

- **WashU Center for Public Health Systems Science** released the [Tobacco in Your Community: Menthol and Other Flavors](#) brief which focuses on evidence-based strategies to end use of menthol and other flavored tobacco products.

- The following announcements are from **FDA**:

MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Sept.  
9 & 29 | *Registration Required, Bimonthly sessions*

[Advancing Tobacco-Free Recovery in Vermont: Integrating Tobacco Use Treatment Across the Behavioral Health Landscape](#) — National Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Recovery Webinar  
Sept. 10, 2 p.m. | *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Control Policy & Research Collaborative](#) — Truth Initiative Webinar  
Sept. 10, 3 p.m. ET | *Registration Required*

[Chronic Disease Academy](#) — NACDD Virtual Event  
Sept. 15-17 | *Registration Required*

[Supporting Cancer Prevention, Care, and Survivorship in Communities](#) — The Center for Black Health & Equity Webinar

- FDA [authorized the marketing of three new e-cigarette products](#) through the premarket tobacco product application pathway. The authorized products are part of the JUUL2 e-cigarette system made by JUUL Labs Inc. and include a tobacco-flavored pod, a menthol-flavored pod, and the JUUL2 device.
- FDA [released new posters](#) to encourage adult smoking cessation. These free educational materials are part of FDA's ongoing efforts to reduce the significant public health burden of tobacco use.
- **The Center for Rapid Surveillance of Tobacco (CRST)** released an [Image Library](#) featuring images of confiscated tobacco products from the Youth Tobacco Monitoring Project. If you are affiliated with a school and would like to submit photos, please [email them](#). Anyone wishing to use the Image Library for research purposes is asked to please credit CRST.
- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Tobacco Program is [soliciting vendor applications](#) for Health Equity Training and Assistance. Please be advised of the Colorado Vendor Self Service (VSS) website and [BidNet](#) are the official sites for all Solicitation information, including Addenda and Modifications. To become

Sept. 17, 1-2:30 p.m. ET  
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Training Program](#) —  
University of Texas MD  
Anderson Cancer  
Center  
Houston, TX (Hybrid)  
Sept. 21-25 |  
*Registration Required*

[From Need to Value - How to Persuade Decision Makers](#) —  
Johns Hopkins  
Bloomberg School of  
Public Health  
Webinar  
Sept. 29, 12-2 p.m.  
ET | *Registration Required*

[Project TEACH ECHO](#) –  
The University of Texas  
MD Anderson Cancer  
Center  
Oct. 13 & 20  
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[The Tobacco Dependence Program \(TDP\) - The Tobacco Dependence Program \(TDP\)](#)  
Virtual Training  
Oct. 19-20 |  
*Registration Required*

[Project TEACH ECHO](#) –

a registered supplier on VSS, please visit [colorado.gov/vss](https://colorado.gov/vss). Open solicitations can be viewed [here](#). To become a registered vendor on BidNet, you can register today by visiting this [link](#). An Offeror must have a current registration on VSS in order to be awarded under this solicitation; however, vendors do not need to be registered to view the bid documents. The single point of contact for this solicitation is [Allan Smith](#).

### State News

- The Fresno City Council in **California** voted to table a [bill that would require tobacco retailers to obtain a local license](#) and pay an annual fee. The licensing program is intended to strengthen enforcement against retailers selling unauthorized or otherwise illegal tobacco products.

### News

- President Donald Trump announced on a Truth Social post that he [named Darrell Scott, a pastor and longtime supporter of the president](#), to serve as tobacco health advisor within CDC.

### Research

- A study published in *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* examined whether

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### Job Opportunities

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### [Supervisor II, Media and Communications Section](#)

California Tobacco  
Prevention Program  
Sacramento County, CA

### [Directory of Advocacy](#)

American Lung  
Association  
Essington, PA

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[fecal microbiota transplants could alter the gut microbiome](#) and reduce nicotine withdrawal severity, finding that transplants reduced withdrawal-related somatic signs and anxiety-like behavior for up to a week, pointing to the gut-brain axis as a potential factor in nicotine dependence.

- A study published in *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* examined whether [sensitivity to unpredictable electric shock threat helps explain how smoking abstinence triggers smoking lapse](#) in daily smokers, finding that this threat sensitivity partially mediated abstinence-induced lapse behavior.
- A double-blind clinical trial published in *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* compared four e-cigarette liquid formulations, finding that [salt-based nicotine \(regardless of flavor\) drove higher blood nicotine levels](#), smoother sensory ratings, and greater abuse liability than free-base nicotine, suggesting nicotine form, not flavor, is the primary driver of e-cigarette abuse potential.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis which reviewed peer-reviewed trials of nicotine e-cigarettes (ECs) for smoking cessation, found that [80% of eligible trials did not report dual EC/combustible cigarette use](#) prevalence. Overall, dual use is infrequently reported in EC smoking

### 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

cessation trials, limiting interpretation of clinical efficacy and public health impact.

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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.