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US Rep Frank Pallone, Jr (D-NJ) and Rep Donna Shalala (D-FL) introduced the Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019 this month. The legislation is a comprehensive strategy to reduce youth tobacco use, including provisions to require graphic warning labels on tobacco products, raise the minimum purchase age to 21 years, prohibit all characterizing flavors (including menthol), prohibit online sales, and extend Food and Drug Administration regulations to all deemed tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. The bill was met with widespread support from the public health community, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. AAP President Dr Kyle Yasuda stated, “The Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019 would take several important steps forward to keep tobacco products out of the hands of children.”

From the AAP Richmond Center
2019 AAP National Conference & Exhibition – Registration Opens May 1!
The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) invites you to the 2019 National Conference & Exhibition, held October 25 through 29 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center and Hilton Riverside New Orleans. This year’s theme is “joie de vivre” - “joy of living.” Don’t miss the largest pediatric-focused educational and networking event of the year! Registration opens on May 1. (Advance registration for AAP Members started April 24.)
SAVE THE DATE: The AAP Section on Tobacco Control program, “Tobacco: The Unrecognized Health Disparity and Actionable Steps to Address It” (Session H3138), will be held on Sunday, October 27, from 1-5pm at the 2019 National Conference. This program will highlight tobacco as an unrecognized health disparity, perpetuating the cycle of poverty and disease in certain populations including minorities, children and people of low socioeconomic background. Three international experts will give presentations on: 1) menthol, African Americans and smoking, 2) e-cigarettes and vaping updates, and 3) Tobacco 21 and protecting children from addiction. Presentations will be followed by an interactive advocacy panel discussion with these experts. Next, the winner(s) of the Section on Tobacco Control’s annual call for Trainee Tobacco Champions will be highlighted. Finally, the program will conclude with a poster session highlighting critical research and quality improvement programs to advance tobacco cessation efforts in health systems and communities. Be sure to block out the time and day in your calendar now!

Also plan to attend the following separate, 45-minute Focused Topic sessions: “Adolescent Brain on Tobacco and Marijuana,” which will occur on Saturday, October 26 at 5pm (Session F2254) and will repeat on Monday, October 28 at 2pm (Session F4133), and “Smoke and Mirrors: E-cigarettes, Vaping, and Juul,” which will occur on Sunday, October 27 at 8:30am (Session F3046) and will repeat on Monday, October 28 at 8:30 am (Session F4035).

Video Now Available – 2018 NCE Plenary on the JUUL and Vaping Crisis
Due to popular demand, a video recording of the 2018 AAP National Conference Plenary session, “JUUL, Vaping and Electronic Cigarettes: A Public Health Crisis,” presented by Dr Deepa Camenga, is now posted on YouTube. This 23-minute presentation reviews the most recent evidence on the health effects of e-cigarettes, and attendees learn techniques to screen teens for use of these products and how to counsel patients and parents. The presentation was recorded on November 5, 2018 at the AAP National Conference & Exhibition in Orlando, Florida.

In the News
FDA Warns of Possible Seizure Risk in E-cigarette Users
A report from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) notes that the agency is investigating whether e-cigarettes can trigger seizures in users. The agency has reviewed 35 cases of seizures among e-cigarette users, most of whom are youth and young adults. “We can’t yet say for certain that e-cigarettes are causing these seizures,” said outgoing FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, “We’re sharing this early information with the public because as a public health agency, it’s our job to communicate about potential safety concerns.” The FDA is continuing its investigation into these reports.

Women Report Vaping Before, During, and After Pregnancy
A recent Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that 10% of women with a recent live birth used electronic vapor products (EVPs) in the 3 months prior to becoming pregnant and 1.4% used them during the last 3 months of pregnancy. Moreover, EVP use was higher among women who had smoked cigarettes in the past 2 years. Nearly half of women who used EVPs around the time of pregnancy reported using the products because they perceived EVPs to be less harmful than regular cigarettes or that EVPs would help them with quitting or reducing smoking. This suggests that women are aware of the harms of smoking during pregnancy and might be using EVPs to mitigate those harms during pregnancy. Messages that EVPs are not safe to use during pregnancy need to be clearly communicated. Education, counseling, and evidence-based cessation treatment could assist reproductive-aged women in preventing or reducing the use of all tobacco products, including EVPs. Read more about study results here.
CDC Launches 2019 Tips® Campaign

The second quarter of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office of Smoking and Health’s (OSH) Year of Cessation kicked off April 1 with the launch of the 2019 Tips From Former Smokers® (Tips®) campaign. The CDC estimates that, from 2012 to 2015, over 9 million Americans tried to quit smoking cigarettes because of the campaign and over half a million quit for good. The ads feature stories about the impact of smoking not only on Tips participants but on their loved ones, as well. "These personal stories shared by individuals and their loved ones clearly illustrate the very real impacts of cigarette smoking," said CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, MD. "Because of their courage and willingness to educate others, those featured in these new Tips ads will continue to inspire millions of Americans to make the life-saving decision to quit smoking." Visit www.cdc.gov/tips to view the personal stories from the campaign. The website includes information, tools, and resources to support smokers trying to quit. For more information on the Tips campaign, including profiles of the former smokers, other campaign resources and links to the ads, visit www.cdc.gov/tips.

Illinois Becomes First Midwest State to Adopt Tobacco 21 Law

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker has signed a new law which will raise the tobacco purchase age to 21 years in Illinois. The law will apply to the purchase of all tobacco and vaping products. Illinois is the eighth state in the nation to pass a Tobacco 21 law, joining California, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon and Virginia. “Today is a milestone day for the health of our communities and especially our young people,” said Governor Pritzker, “It will reduce costs for our state, it will make our schools and communities healthier places to learn and live, and most importantly, it will save lives.” For more information on Tobacco 21, visit our website.

CDC Says Indoor Smoke-free Policies Should Ban E-cigarette Aerosol

More than half of adolescents say they’ve been exposed to secondhand cigarette smoke or e-cigarette aerosol in public places, and researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are calling for comprehensive smoke-free policies that include e-cigarettes. According to recent data from the National Youth Tobacco Survey, e-cigarette use spiked by 78% among high school students and it is expected that reports of secondhand exposure will rise during the next round of surveys. Exposure to secondhand smoke and aerosol puts youths’ health at risk and may make them see smoking as a common habit. Since most smoke-free laws were passed before e-cigarettes became popular, they urged policymakers to include e-cigarettes in these laws. Read more about study results here.

Resources and Events

Webinar Series: Why State Preemption and Local Authority Matter
April 30, 2019
3-4pm EST

The Tobacco Control Network (TCN) and Public Health Law Center (PHLC) have announced a webinar series about State Preemption and Local Authority. Localities have historically been, and continue to be, at the forefront of adopting innovative tobacco control policies that have diffused to other localities and higher governmental levels. Preemption withdraws power from localities and centralizes it at higher governmental levels, thus limiting localities’ ability to prioritize their own public health agendas to meet unique local needs. In the 2019 legislative sessions, various state legislatures have proposed legislation that would preempt local jurisdictions from regulating tobacco products in some manner, demonstrating that preemption is still a crucial issue in tobacco control. To provide key information about, and strategies to avoid preemption, the TCN and PHLC are collaboratively organizing a three-part webinar series exploring what tobacco control stakeholders need to know about this ongoing public health challenge. This first webinar of the three-part series will provide an
overview of local authority and state-level tobacco control preemption. The webinar will make the case as to why understanding state preemption and local authority is essential to pursuing tobacco control best practices and reducing health disparities. This webinar will include a presentation from subject matter experts at the PHLC accompanied by two state and local level case studies on the impacts of tobacco preemption. All tobacco control stakeholders are invited to participate in this learning series. Register here.

May 19 - No Menthol Sunday: One Step Ahead
May 19, 2019
The National African American Tobacco Prevention Network (NAATPN) promotes No Menthol Sunday as an annual opportunity to engage faith communities in a discussion about how to improve health outcomes of African Americans. Tobacco is still the number one killer of African American people, and the faith community can play a major role in changing this. View the NAATPN website and download the No Menthol Sunday toolkit for materials and ideas on how to host an event and incorporate tobacco-related health topics into discussions and sermons.

Register for the 2019 National Conference on Tobacco or Health!
Registration is open for the 2019 National Conference on Tobacco or Health (NCTOH). The conference will be held August 27-29, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. NCTOH is one of the largest, long-standing gatherings for top US tobacco control professionals, and it attracts a diversity of public health professionals committed to best practices and policies to reduce tobacco use. Visit www.nctoh.org to learn more and register.

People in the News
Dr Susanne Tanski joins NPR’s On Point to Discuss Teen Vaping
AAP Richmond Center investigator Dr Susanne Tanski was featured in a recent episode of the NPR show “On Point.” Dr Tanski shared her expertise on adolescent vaping, pathways of nicotine addiction, and strategies to protect youth and young adults from e-cigarette addiction. Dr Tanski also spoke about the importance of Tobacco 21 laws in protecting youth from tobacco initiation. Listen to the full episode here.

Dr Rizalina Gonzalez receives Dr Fe Del Mundo Award
Dr Rizalina Hemedez-Gonzalez, member of the AAP Section on Tobacco Control, has been awarded the Philippine Pediatric Society's (PPS) prestigious Dr Fe Del Mundo Award, given to “The Most Outstanding Pediatrician in Community Service.” Dr Gonzalez received this award for her pediatric tobacco control advocacy work in the Philippines. As the leader of the PPS Tobacco Control Advocacy Group, Dr Hemedez-Gonzalez launched a nationwide youth engagement campaign to protect children from smoking and vaping, advocated for national policies to prevent youth access to tobacco products, and collaborated with AAP and CDC to develop and test a tobacco control program model. Congratulations, Dr Hemedez-Gonzalez!