

Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDs) and Youth Vaping: What Providers Need to Know
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Speaker Biographies



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Tamanna Patel serves as a program director on a variety of national health equity initiatives focused on the intersection of public health and behavioral health (mental health and addiction) including the National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco & Cancer Control. Patel previously served as Senior Research Associate at Georgia Health Policy Center, overseeing and providing training and technical assistance (TTA) to rural, frontier and tribal communities nationally addressing community-identified health issues through programming. Patel brings over 13 years of experience to her work including meeting design and facilitation, strategic planning, sustainability planning, applying an adaptive approach while addressing complex issues, partnership development, developing tools and frameworks while applying adult learning principles and supporting others in the design of their initiatives from a continuous learning and equity perspective. Patel has a certification in Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt.



Dr. Priscilla Callahan-Lyon, MD
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Dr. Priscilla Callahan-Lyon is an internist and pulmonologist. After 20 years of private medical practice, she joined FDA in 2008 as a medical reviewer in Center for Drug Evaluation and Research where she worked extensively on nicotine replacement therapies. She moved to the newly formed Center for Tobacco Products in 2012 and currently serves as Senior Science Advisor in the Center Director's Office of FDA's Center for Tobacco Products. Dr. Callahan is part of several cross-center groups within FDA that are involved with nicotine policy and regulation, the FDA investigation of e-cigarette, or vaping, associated lung injury (EVALI), and the association of tobacco use with COVID. She also serves as the FDA contact on the Tri-Agency workgroup (CDC, NIH, and FDA) focusing on smoking cessation.



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Alison Kulas is the Campaign Manager for the FDA Center for Tobacco Products' The Real Cost ENDS Campaign. She has over 12 years in tobacco control and prevention work, formerly a National Academy of Medicine Tobacco Regulatory Science Fellow with FDA CTP and a CDC OSH grantee with the State of Alaska. Additionally, she previously served as the Executive Director for the Alaska Mental Health Board, Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council.