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RESEARCH COALITION

Virginia Youth Tobacco Projects Research Coalition

This is the third edition of the Virginia Youth Tobacco Projects (VYTP) Research Coalition newsletter. In each issue, you can look forward to updates related to youth tobacco prevention including upcoming events, funding and collaboration opportunities, ongoing initiatives, and spotlights on our members and grantees.

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Save the Date! The CLEAR Conference, April 27-28, 2027

The CLEAR Conference on Youth Tobacco Use

Where “Collaboration, Learning, Engagement, and Research” Meet

Sponsored by the Virginia Youth Tobacco Projects Research Coalition

Help us CLEAR the air in Virginia!

At the Delta Hotels, Richmond, VA, April 27-28, 2027

Reminder! VYTP Student Small Grants Program

We excited to be accepting applications the following funding opportunity from current graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and other trainees in your programs. Please see the RFA and associated documents linked below.

Application Deadline: October 30, 2026

- **VYTP Small Grant Application Form**

- **VYTP Small Grant Budget Form**
- **VYTP Student Small Grants Request for Applications**
- **Subrecipient Commitment Form**

VYTP Member Noteworthy News



Recent Publication Supported by VFHY Funding. Melissa Little and colleagues. Preliminary evaluation of UP2UTeacher, a brief intervention addressing tobacco and nicotine use for high school students. *Drug Alcohol Depend.* 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2026.113298.



New NIDA/NIH Grant Involving VYTP Members. Paul Whiteaker (PI) and Co-Is (Imad Damaj, Caroline Cobb, Michelle Peace, Keith Shelton). *Non-nicotine compounds that contribute to abuse liability of electronic nicotine delivery systems*, 1R01DA064914-01 - 2026-2031



Research Translation in Action. VFHY-Funded *Confiscated Vapes Project* cited by US Surgeon General and European Respiratory Society Task force.



VYTP On the Move! Coalition members were at the May 2026 Champions for Youth Summit and September 2026 Community Coalitions of Virginia Summit spreading the word/science~





Ongoing Initiatives, Research, & Upcoming Events

Current and Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Youth Substance Use Prevention Grants - Link to RFA - Accepting Applications until Oct. 29, 5 p.m.

Research into Youth Tobacco/Nicotine Use Prevention - RFA (to be released in November 2026) - Applications due February 2027

Research to Recovery Conference

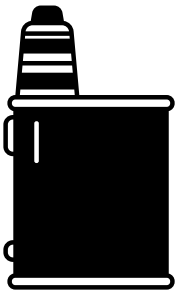


The Research to Recovery Conference will be held at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) on May 19–20, 2027. Proposals are due October 9, 2026. If you are interested in learning more, click here.

Recruitment

Please do not share any flyers for surveys/studies on social media!



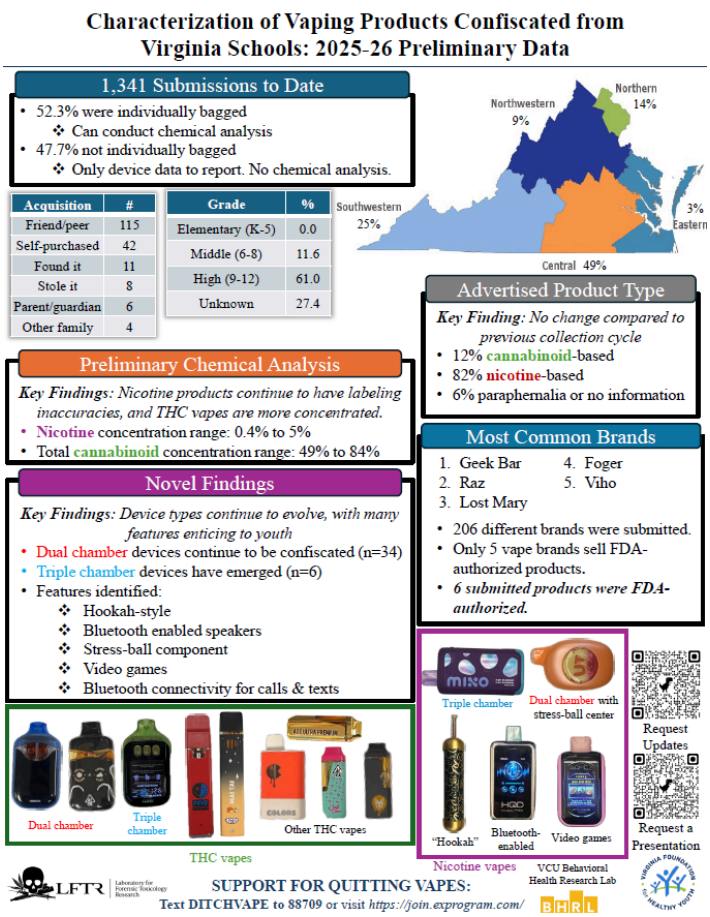


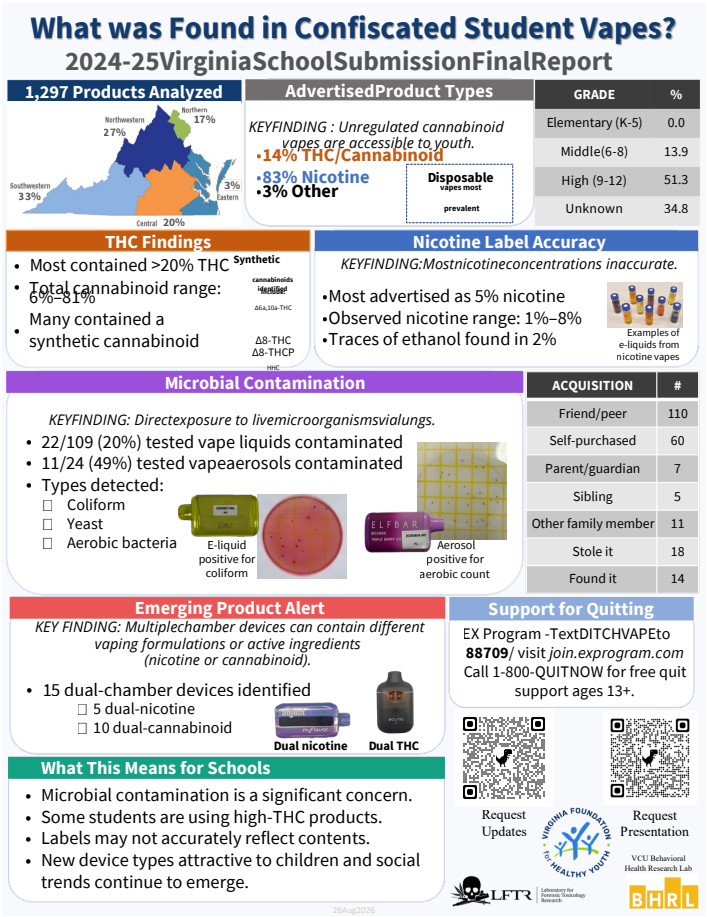
Confiscated Vapes Project

The VCU Team continues to collect confiscated vaping materials from Virginia schools. They are testing these materials in an effort to get a better idea of the dangers present in these products. If you are interested in participating contact Dr. Cobb at cobbco@vcu.edu and she will help to facilitate the collection. If you are looking for more information about the project and educational resources, click here.

Tobacco and Nicotine Resources

Confiscated Vapes Project Infographics describing 2024-2025 results and 2025-2026 preliminary findings were just released. Please share widely!





Quit the Hit is a free online cessation program for Virginia youth and young adults, ages 13-24.

- Five-week active, online support program
- Connects small groups of 10-15 youth or young adults on Instagram with a trained coach
- Complete research surveys to earn up to $60
- Already 300 Virginia youth have quit vaping with Quit the Hit!

Learn how to get started at **QuitTheHitNow.com**



Quit Now Virginia

Free help to quit tobacco.
Quit Coaches available for support.
Free 12 weeks of nicotine patches and gum.

- www.QuitNowVirginia.org
- 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) or text READY to 34191
- A free 24/7 service for all Virginians, 13 and older for all types of tobacco/nicotine.

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Vape Free VA
VapeFreeVA.org

Free Vaping Resources for Teens, Young Adults, & their Support Circles.

- VapeFreeVA.org
- Find vaping prevention and cessation facts & tips
- Support Circle tips are for any adult concerned about vaping -- parents, guardians, educators, physicians, etc.

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