

NIH Funding Research on Preventative Interventions for Vaping Among Adolescents

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The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has released a funding opportunity announcement for research on the prevention of the use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), otherwise known as vapes or e-cigarettes, among adolescents. According to NIH, adolescent use of these devices has risen dramatically since 2017. This trend is alarming given what is known about nicotine addiction along with emerging evidence indicating that ENDS use is associated with increased risk for cigarette use among adolescents.

NIH is seeking research which investigates:

- The efficacy or effectiveness of prevention interventions that are theoretically and empirically supported and that target specific risk and protective factors at the individual, family, peer, community, or multiple levels; and/or
- The impact of tobacco control and ENDS-specific policies on adolescent ENDS use.

NIH notes that prevention intervention studies must involve a collaborator who can adopt and implement preventative interventions.

This funding announcement is supported by a collaboration among the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Cancer Institute, NIH's Office of Disease Prevention, and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, which collectively have set aside several million dollars to fund this specific call for research. These groups have identified different research priorities they seek to fund, which can be found at the link below.

Applications must be submitted by October 19, 2020.

[To learn more about NIH's funding opportunity announcement "Interventions to Prevent Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems \(ENDS\) Use Among Adolescents," click here.](#)