About NPSC

Embracing the concepts and strategies from prevention science promises to improve our young people’s chances for growing up healthy and being successful in multiple domains of life. Our ultimate goal is to infuse a prevention mentality into the public and private sectors, where the emphasis is more on proactively preventing problems rather than reactively responding to them.

The NPSC was formed to promote the application of validated, science-based findings to wide-scale, effective implementation of prevention practices and policies. In doing so, we address several areas of concern, such as mental and behavioral health, education, and environmental influences. Additionally, we address adverse social conditions that contribute to both behavioral problems (e.g., poor self-regulation, drug and alcohol abuse, violence) and major chronic illnesses (e.g., asthma, diabetes, obesity, heart disease) that originate in childhood and become compounded in adulthood. Given that behavioral, mental and physical health problems are highly concentrated in high poverty neighborhoods, the NPSC has prioritized the reduction of poverty and its ill effects. Criminal and juvenile justice issues are also a matter of concern to us. Effective prevention of these multiple problems requires fostering environments from the prenatal period onward that nurture child and adolescent successful development (Healthy Child Development).

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National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives (NPSC)

Description:
We are comprised of scientists (across disciplines), educators, community stakeholders, practitioners and clinicians, policy makers, advocates, and foundation representatives ...

Stakeholder(s):

Young People

Congressional Offices:
We work in a nonpartisan manner with congressional offices and caucuses on issues such as poverty and juvenile justice where some are incorporating the evidence-based knowledge we convey in proposed legislation.

Congressional Caucuses

Federal Agency Administrators:
Additionally, we work with federal agency administrators who advise us and incorporate Prevention Science in their work (e. g., NIH, SAMHSA, ONDCP, and CDC).

NIH
SAMHSA
ONDCP
CDC

National Organizations:
We also collaborate with like-minded groups and national organizations and are working to expand on those partnerships.

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Health People

NPSC Affiliates :
Affiliate Organizations of the NPSC — The NPSC works closely with other coalitions, associations, and organizations in order to network with others and share interests. This can range from being a supporter of the coalition to various collaboration projects. The following affiliations described are those that have been formally recognized by both the NPSC and the affiliate... If you wish to become a formal affiliate of the NPSC OR recommend a like-minded organization, contact: Jessica Bair, Coalition Coordinator

American Public Health Association : 
APHA champions the health of all people and all communities. We are the only organization that combines a nearly 150-year perspective, a broad-based member community and the ability to influence policy to improve the public’s health.

American Public Human Services Association : 
The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) is a bipartisan, nonprofit membership organization representing state and local health and human service agencies through their top-level leadership. Through our member network and three national Collaborative Centers, APHSA seeks to influence modern policies and practices that support the health and well-being of all children and families and that lead to stronger communities.

Association for Community Organizations and Social Action : 
ACOSA IS A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION for community organizers, activists, nonprofit administrators, community builders, policy practitioners, students and educators.

B Stigma-Free : 
B Stigma-Free is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to reducing stigma, bias and prejudice. We aim to foster understanding and respect of people perceived as having a difference.

Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center : 
The Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center has been leading the field of prevention science since 1998, using research to create programs and inform policies that promote the health and well-being of children and families.

Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development : 
Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development is a project within the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado Boulder. We identify, recommend, and disseminate programs for youth, families and communities that, based on scientific evaluations, have strong evidence of effectiveness.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America : 
To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Campaign Against Indiscriminate Juvenile Shackling : 
The Campaign Against Indiscriminate Juvenile Shackling (CAIJIS) is a national organizing campaign seeking the end of the automatic shackling of children in delinquency court.

Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence : 
At CSPV, we partner with you and use what we know works from prevention science to create a world where individuals, families, and schools flourish in communities free from the harms of violence. We specialize in the challenging and rewarding work of connecting scientific knowledge to real-world settings. CSPV bridges the gap between research and practice. — continued next page
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Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia:
The mission of PolicyLab at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is to achieve optimal child health and well-being by informing program and policy changes through interdisciplinary research. PolicyLab is a Center of Emphasis within Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute, one of the largest pediatric research institutes in the country.

Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative:
The Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative (CAHMI) is a national initiative based out of the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Originally housed at FACCT – Foundation for Accountability, the CAHMI was established in 1998.

Child Poverty Action Group:
End Child Poverty U.S. is run by the Child Poverty Action Group. In 2016, First Focus established the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG), a partnership of non-profit, child-focused organizations. CPAG has now grown to over 20 national partners working to elevate the issue of child poverty in the United States through information sharing, policy education, and direct advocacy.

Child Study Center

Child Trends:
Child Trends is the nation’s leading research organization focused exclusively on improving the lives of children and youth, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Child Welfare League of America:
CWLA is a powerful coalition of hundreds of private and public agencies that since 1920 has worked to serve children and families who are vulnerable. Our expertise, leadership and innovation on policies, programs, and practices help improve the lives of millions of children across the country. Our impact is felt worldwide.

Children’s Trust of South Carolina:
Children’s Trust is the statewide organization focused on the prevention of child abuse, neglect and injury.

Children’s Mental Health Network:
The Children’s Mental Health Network strives to be a fair and independent source of information about children’s mental health, creating a forum for sharing diverse ideas and opinions about ways to improve the lives of children and youth living with mental health conditions and their families.

Coalition for Juvenile Justice:
The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) is a nationwide coalition of State Advisory Groups (SAGs), organizations, individuals, youth, and allies dedicated to preventing children and youth from becoming involved in the courts and upholding the highest standards of care when youth are charged with wrongdoing and enter the justice system.

Coalition for the Promotion of Behavioral Health:
The Coalition for the Promotion of Behavioral Health is an interdisciplinary group of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers committed to reducing behavioral health problems like substance use, delinquency, school dropout, risky sexual behavior, violence and anxiety and depression in young people.

Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning:
The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning defined SEL more than two decades ago. Today, we support state, districts and schools nationwide and convene leading thinkers to ensure SEL is a priority in every school nationwide.

Colorado Center for Policy Studies:
At the Colorado Center for Policy Studies we apply economic principles and research results to critical policy issues through the Program on Growth Issues, the Program on Education Policy and the Program on Tax Policy, with a particular focus on states and localities.

Committee for Children:
Founded in 1979, Committee for Children is a global nonprofit whose work is at the forefront of an irrepressible movement. A leader in the field, we champion the safety and well-being of kids through social-emotional learning (SEL) to fulfill our vision of safe children thriving in a peaceful world.

Consortium of Social Science Associations:
COSSA is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to promote sustainable federal funding for and widespread use of social and behavioral science research and federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities, and stakeholders who care about a successful and vibrant social science research enterprise. The COSSA membership includes professional and disciplinary associations, scientific societies, research centers and institutes, and U.S. colleges and universities. COSSA is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit, nonpartisan organization.

CSR, Incorporated:
CSR, Incorporated, is an employee-owned small business. We’ve supported Federal, State, and local government and nonprofit clients for more than 40 years, helping them find new and better ways of achieving their missions.

Darkness to Light:
Darkness to Light is a non-profit committed to empowering adults to prevent child sexual abuse.

First Focus:
First Focus is a bipartisan advocacy organization dedicated to making children and families the priority in federal policy and budget decisions.

First Star:
First Star was founded in 1999 as a national 501(c)(3) public charity dedicated to improving life for child victims of abuse and neglect.

Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice:
Interdisciplinary in orientation, we work to promote social justice and human rights and to reduce disparities in behavioral health. Our members share an interest in and dedication to understanding the effects of social factors on the behavioral — continued next page
health of individuals. We advocate for environments and policies that foster positive mental health and well-being and we honor individuals and organizations for their contributions to these goals and to sound public policy.

**Global Research Analytics for Population Health (GRAPH)**

**Health People**
Using “community in-reach,” a groundbreaking peer-to-peer community health education model, Health People, a non-profit agency based in the South Bronx, has inspired hope, created jobs and improved the health of thousands of people in need.

**Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT)**
FVSAI d/b/a The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) is a 501(c)(3) organization that denounces violence and oppression in all its forms. We stand with all who work for equality and peace. IVAT is a leading international resource and training center, founded in 1984 as FVSAI and headquartered in San Diego, California with a satellite office in Honolulu, Hawai’i.

**Knowledge Alliance**
Knowledge Alliance is comprised of leading education organizations that share the belief that high-quality, relevant research is key to solving the biggest education problems facing our country today. Collectively we promote the use of rigorous research to figure out “what works,” and why, to improve student outcomes and then share those findings with policymakers, practitioners and the general public.

**Mental Health America**
Founded in 1909 by Clifford W. Beers, Mental Health America (MHA) is the nation’s leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness and promoting the overall mental health of all.

**National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD)**
The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors improves the health of the public by strengthening state-based leadership and expertise for chronic disease prevention and control in states and at the national level.

**National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)**
Our mission is to improve the health of communities by strengthening and advocating for local health departments.

**National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP)**
We aim to improve the lives of low-income children and their families by delivering our research to advocates and policymakers seeking to craft effective policies that promote healthy child development, and strong, nurturing families that are economically secure.

**National Center for School Mental Health (NCMHC)**
The mission of the National Center for School Mental Health (NCMHC) is to strengthen policies and programs in school mental health to improve learning and promote success for America’s youth.

**National Juvenile Justice Network**
The National Juvenile Justice Network leads a membership community of 60 state-based organizations and numerous individuals across 42 states and D.C. We all seek to shrink our youth justice systems and transform the remainder into systems that treat youth and families with dignity and humanity.

**National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan**
To make the prevention of interpersonal violence a national priority and to encourage healthy relationships by linking science, practice, policy, and advocacy.

**Opportunity Nation**
Opportunity Nation is a bipartisan, cross-sector, national campaign to expand economic mobility and restore the American Dream.

**Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)**
The mission of the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation is to promote, undertake, and evaluate activities, studies, and programs that improve individual and public health, welfare, and safety.

**Parents as Teachers**
Parents as Teachers builds strong communities, thriving families and children who are healthy, safe and ready to learn.

**PAXIS Institute**
PAXIS Institute develops solutions that improve the peace, productivity, health, and happiness of people around the world. PAXIS Institute incorporates the power of science and prevention to develop simple, proven strategies that address the basis of many of society’s multi-problems – human behavior.

**Prevention Institute**
Prevention Institute (PI) is a national nonprofit with offices in Oakland, Los Angeles, Houston, and Washington, D.C. Our mission is to build prevention and health equity into key policies and actions at the federal, state, local, and organizational level to ensure that the places where all people live, work, play and learn foster health, safety and wellbeing.

**Psychologists for Social Responsibility**
Psychologists for Social Responsibility is an engaged community of members and supporters who work to advance peace and social justice through the ethical use of psychological knowledge, research, and practice.

**Safe States Alliance**
The Safe States Alliance is a non-profit organization and professional association whose mission is to strengthen the practice of injury and violence prevention.

**Social Development Research Group**
The Social Development Research Group is an internationally recognized, interdisciplinary team of researchers united in a common mission to understand and promote healthy behaviors and positive social development among diverse populations...
Stakeholders (continued)

**Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice**

The Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice (Div. 37 of the American Psychological Association; formerly Div. 37: Child, Youth and Family Services) is committed to the application of psychological knowledge to advocacy, social justice, service delivery and public policies affecting children, youth and families in a diverse and inclusive society.

**Society for Community Research and Action**

The Society for Community Research and Action will have a strong, global impact on enhancing well-being and promoting social justice for all people by fostering collaboration where there is division and empowerment where there is oppression.

**Society for Prevention Research**

The Society for Prevention Research is an organization dedicated to advancing scientific investigation on the etiology and prevention of social, physical and mental health and academic problems and on the translation of that information to promote health and well being.

**Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues**

Founded in 1936, SPSSI is a group of over 3000 scientists from psychology and related fields and others who share a common interest in research on the psychological aspects of important social and policy issues. In various ways, SPSSI seeks to bring theory and practice into focus on human problems of the group, the community, and nations, as well as the increasingly important problems that have no national boundaries.

**Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth (CFSY)**

The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth (CFSY) envisions the United States becoming a society that respects all children’s human rights and nurtures their capacity to become leaders, responding to any harm they cause in ways that are rooted in their dignity and unique potential for change. Together, we seek a response to the harm caused by children that is conscientious of childhood traumas, restorative and empowering to all parties, and equitable, especially with regard to race and ethnicity.

**Peace Alliance**

The Peace Alliance is working with a coalition of leaders, organizations and individuals to stem the potential of violence this year in the United States.

**Triple P – Positive Parenting Program**

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world, backed up by more than 35 years of ongoing research. Triple P gives parents simple and practical strategies to help them build strong, healthy relationships, confidently manage their children’s behavior and prevent problems developing.

**Trust for America’s Health**

Trust for America’s Health promotes optimal health for every person and community and makes the prevention of illness and injury a national priority.

**Utah Center for Civic Improvement (UCIV)**

Founded in 2018, the Utah Center for Civic Improvement (UCIV) works to promote civic values, civic inclusion, and the development of effective public policy.

**Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area**

MISSION - To reduce drug trafficking and misuse by improving interagency collaboration, promoting accurate and timely information and intelligence sharing, and providing specialized training and other resources to its law enforcement, intelligence, treatment, and prevention initiatives.

**Youth Villages**

Youth Villages helps children and families live successfully.

**NPSC Action Committees**

**KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION Committee**

This committee’s goal is to develop a package of communication products with a consistent core story about prevention science and its value-added, and a corresponding measurement strategy, to fulfill the Coalition’s mission.

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**NETWORK & CONNECTIONS Committee**

This committee engages in outreach activities across sectors, including researchers, practitioners, community and national organizations, federal agency administrators and policy makers, to (a) identify mission alignments; (b) develop relationships; (c) determine how partnerships and collaborations can advance joint agendas; and (d) formalize associations for more intensive ongoing efforts to apply the science of prevention to improve effectiveness of practices, systems, and policies.

Sharon Kingston, Ph.D. : N&C Committee Chair

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IMPACT & INFLUENCE Committee:
This committee serves in an ongoing capacity as a body of experts to educate and engage policymakers and administrative staff at all levels regarding relevant aspects of prevention science that can inform their decision-making, thereby increasing the benefits and reducing the costs of resultant policies and practices.

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Violence Prevention Working Group:
The Violence Prevention Working Group (VPWG) operates under the auspices of the National Prevention Science Coalition (NPSC) which, in turn, is comprised of approximately 700 social science scholars, researchers, practitioners, advocates, and clinicians who are dedicated to translating scientific knowledge into effective and sustainable practices, systems, and policies. We discuss current and upcoming events and invite scholars to present their ongoing work. Over the next few months, the VPWG will develop specific strategies to broaden the adoption of evidence-practices and policies.

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Dr. Monica Wendel: University of Louisville
Dr. Jacob Werblow: Central Connecticut State University
Dr. Anna Yaros
Dr. Xan Young: American Institute for Research

Congressional Prevention Policy Caucus:

The Congressional Prevention Policy Caucus connects congressional members and their staff with experts from the field of prevention science and other advisors to promote evidence-based legislative policies and processes to prevent adverse health conditions in a manner that reduces financial and other costs to the republic.

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Vision
A society that fosters nurturing environments and caring relationships for the well-being of all

Mission
To prevent social ills and promote wellbeing by translating scientific knowledge into effective and sustainable practices, systems and policies.

Values
Science
Wellbeing
Integrity
Equity
Inclusivity
Purpose
Compassion
Diversity
Solidarity
Evidence

Generate scientific evidence to address individual and societal problems

PREVENTION SCIENCE addresses individual and societal problems before they develop and encourages a wellness approach to positive childhood, adolescent, family and community outcomes. It informs decision makers as to what practices are most effective to ensure that children and adolescents reach their potential and plays a critically important role in informing policy by identifying cost beneficial, effective policies that support nurturing environments for families and communities. Prevention science has generated scientific evidence for practices and policies that:

1. Warnings & Risks
   Recognize early warning signs and risk factors that predict or lead to unfavorable outcomes

2. Culture & Access
   Generate practices and policies that are developmentally and culturally appropriate and accessible to the communities they serve
   Stakeholder(s):
   Communities

3. Detrimental Conditions
   Reducing exposure to detrimental conditions – or addressing the effects of such conditions – that otherwise contribute to poor outcomes

4. Prevention
   Demonstrate the cost-savings of prevention