



National Prevention Council Action Plan

Implementing the National Prevention Strategy

The *National Prevention Council Action Plan* highlights important opportunities that the National Prevention Council and its diverse 17 member departments, agencies, and offices—representing sectors such as housing, transportation, education, environment, and defense—are creating to ensure the health, well-being, and resilience of the American people.

The action plan builds from the vision, goal, recommendations, and actions of the landmark *National Prevention Strategy: America's Plan for Better Health and Wellness*, released June 2011. Authorized by the Affordable Care Act, the National Prevention Strategy identifies Strategic Directions and Priorities that promote good health and outlines federal actions that will improve the health of all Americans.

The National Prevention Council Action Plan identifies the National Prevention Council commitments, shared across all 17 departments, and unique department actions being taken to further each of the Strategic Directions and Priorities of the National Prevention Strategy. With this action plan the National Prevention Council intends to accelerate high-impact areas to move America from a system of sick care to one based on wellness and prevention.

National Prevention Council Commitments: Accelerating Prevention

One role of the National Prevention Council is to ensure federal health and prevention efforts are coordinated, aligned, and championed. The National Prevention Council has identified specific areas in which prevention can be accelerated through the combined efforts of all 17 National Prevention Council departments.

The National Prevention Council commitments include the following:

- Identify opportunities to consider prevention and health within its departments and encourage partners to do so voluntarily as appropriate.
- Increase tobacco free environments within its departments and encourage partners to do so voluntarily as appropriate.
- Increase access to healthy, affordable food within its departments and encourage partners to do so voluntarily as appropriate.

Empowered
People



Healthy
& Safe
Community
Environments



Clinical
& Community
Preventive
Services



Elimination of
Health
Disparities





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National Prevention Council Department Actions Aligned to the National Prevention Strategy

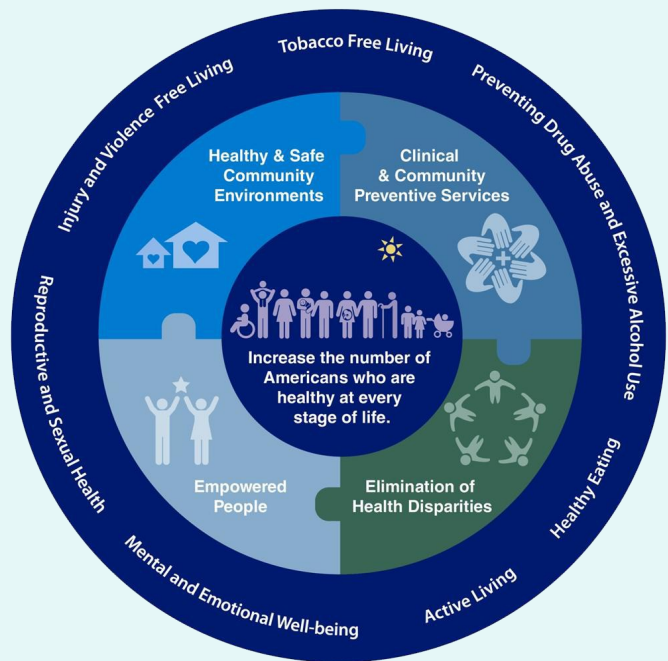
Each National Prevention Council department has taken ownership of specific actions aligned with the Strategic Directions and Priorities of the National Prevention Strategy, providing examples of activities that contribute to implementing the strategy's goal. These department actions balance innovative programs and proven initiatives. One or more National Prevention Council departments are addressing each federal action within the National Prevention Strategy. The actions showcase each department's contributions as they work to prioritize prevention in their efforts. Advancing the Strategic Directions and Priorities of the National Prevention Strategy requires action beyond the federal government.

Partners in Prevention

The National Prevention Council recognizes the importance of partners and their role as trusted members of the communities and populations they serve. The National Prevention Strategy encourages partnerships among federal, state, tribal, local, and territorial governments, the private sector, philanthropic organizations, community and faith-based organizations, and individual Americans to improve health through prevention. Improvements in health are amplified when those working both within and outside of government consider opportunities to address prevention and wellness.

Moving Forward

Continued effective implementation of the National Prevention Strategy will require ongoing leadership, focus on the Strategic Directions and Priorities, and engagement of both public and private partners. Just as the National Prevention Strategy has increased awareness of the value of prevention across multiple sectors, this action plan further supports a comprehensive federal approach to preventing sickness and disease by promoting health and wellness. Together, we can work to improve the health and quality of life for individuals, families, and communities and move the nation from a focus on sickness and disease to one based on prevention and wellness.



More information on the National Prevention Council Action Plan can be found at:
<http://www.healthcare.gov/prevention/nphpphc/2012-npc-action-plan.pdf>