



Strategic Goals

Goal 1: Promote etiological and program development research and research on existing and emerging public health and well-being problems; SPR will promote high quality research to develop a better understanding of developmental etiology and current societal trends and issues.

Goal 2: Promote High-Quality Prevention Science as integral to health care, social services, and education and toward national level system of EBP based prevention; SPR will promote the highest quality science needed to effectively scale up EBPs (evidence based programs, practices and policies) by encouraging:

- The development of methodologies (including e.g., systems science, adaptive/optimized interventions, etc.) to identify the effective ingredients of EBPs. This science is needed to guide decisions about how and whether to modify EBPs in different settings, modalities, populations, and historical conditions necessary for scaling.
- Research on system characteristics that facilitate or undermine the adoption, implementation, and sustainability of EBPs in communities, and the development and testing of theories to understand these complex systems.
- Research on different models for supporting the translation of EBPs into practice (e.g., prevention infrastructure, partnership models, models to support constant improvement of community outcomes, etc.).
- Research on the use of technologies to enhance reach, fidelity, adaptation, and effectiveness of preventive interventions.
- Research on system outcomes of attempts to scale-up EBPs.
- SPR will promote research to expand the cadre of EBPs with stronger, more replicable effects and that hold promise for scale-up.
- Promote education, training, and mentoring opportunities to scale up evidence based policies, practices and programs for the current and next generation of prevention scientists.

Goal 3: Influence Prevention Policy; SPR will influence policy through promoting and supporting research on the use of prevention science in public policy and service systems at the national and local levels (e.g., through health, education, child welfare, justice, drug and alcohol, mental health, welfare). SPR will develop new and leverage existing partnerships to advance prevention science and its use in informing policy.

Goal 4: Promote prevention research to reduce disparities and inequality; SPR will increase transdisciplinary innovation and relevance of developmental etiology and preventive intervention to understudied populations, inequality, and social justice and focus the science of prevention on issues of disparity and inequality.

Goal 5: Member Communications; SPR will enhance and modernize its communication with members, prevention researchers, policy-makers and the public.

Goal 6: Membership Diversity; SPR will increase the diversity of its membership (in regards to race, age, gender, country of origin, career



SPR 26TH ANNUAL MEETING
OPTIMIZING THE RELEVANCE OF PREVENTION SCIENCE TO SYSTEMS
Tuesday, May 29 – Friday, June 1, 2018
Hyatt Regency Washington, Washington, DC

Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Optimizing Prevention through Innovative Use of Big Data to Reduce Health Disparities

Speakers:

Eric Rice, PhD, University of Southern California, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
Desmond Patton, PhD, Columbia University, School of Social Work
Brenda Curtis, PhD, University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine

Chair: **Stephanie Lanza, PhD**, The Pennsylvania State University

Thursday, May 31, 2018, 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Promoting Equity and Decreasing Disparities through Optimizing Prevention Science

Speakers:

Allison Barlow, PhD, The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health
Marc Atkins, PhD, University of Illinois-Chicago, Institute for Juvenile Research
Leana S. Wen, MD, MSc, FAAEM, Baltimore City Health Department

Chair: **Kerry Green, PhD**, University of Maryland

Friday, June 1, 2018, 10:15 am – 11:45 am

How Partnerships Can Advance the Use of Evidence in Prevention Practice

Speakers:

Vivian Tseng, PhD, William T. Grant Foundation
Peter J. Pecora, PhD, University of Washington, School of Social Work
George B. Pesta, PhD, Florida State University, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Chair: **W. Alex Mason, PhD**, Boys Town, National Research Institute for Child and Family Studies

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