The Translation Science Award is given to an individual in recognition for contributions to the field of prevention science in the area of Type 1 or Type 2 translational research.

This year, we are pleased to present the Translation Science Award to Dr. Diana Fishbein, Director of the Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Center, C. Eugene Bennett Chair in Prevention Research and Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at The Pennsylvania State University Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

Dr. Fishbein has conducted studies utilizing transdisciplinary methods and a developmental approach to understanding interactions between neurobiological processes and environmental factors. Additionally, she led studies that found deficits in certain neurobiological functions and the effects of preventive and treatment interventions. Fishbein’s ultimate research goal is to translate scientific findings to practice and policies designed to prevent mental health, emotional and behavioral problems.

Dr. Fishbein is the co-creator of the National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives, a national organization dedicated to the transfer of knowledge from the basic to the applied sciences as well as practical settings and public health policies. She also wrote the etiology section of the International Standards for Drug Abuse Prevention for the United Nations, and developed a training curriculum for policy-makers worldwide.