

**Public Service Award**

**The Honorable John H. Hickenlooper, Jr.**  
**Governor of Colorado**

*The **Public Service Award** is given in recognition of extensive and effective advocacy for prevention science and research-based programs.*

This year, we are pleased to present the **Public Service Award to John Hickenlooper, Jr.**, who is the 42nd and current Governor of Colorado, a position he has held since 2011. A member of the Democratic Party, Governor Hickenlooper served as the Mayor of the City of Denver, Colorado, from 2003 to 2011. In 2005, he was named by Time magazine as one of the five best big-city mayors in the United States. Governor Hickenlooper has been a strong advocate for social issues and prevention services during his two terms as governor of Colorado. In this capacity, he has worked in a bipartisan manner to support legislation and policies aimed at curbing gun violence, reducing homelessness, and increasing economic growth among the state's most vulnerable populations. Governor Hickenlooper was in his first term when the citizens of Colorado passed Amendment 64 allowing the recreational use of marijuana for those over age 21. The Governor has been a tireless advocate of using funds generated from marijuana legalization for substance use prevention services and policies. In 2016, his office approved funding for the implementation of a prevention system known as the *Communities that Care* (CTC) in more than 40 Colorado communities. The Governor's endorsement of CTC has led to the creation of a state network of prevention coalitions charged with assessing individual and community risks

and selecting effective prevention programs that will deter substance use and other behavioral health problems in young people. Governor Hickenlooper's support of prevention practice and policy represents a thoughtful approach to applying scientific evidence to positively affect the lives of children and families in diverse communities across the state. Governor Hickenlooper has received several individual honors during his tenure in office, including appointment as Chair of the National Governors Association in 2014. He completes his second term of office in January, 2019.

### Translation Science Award



**Richard Spoth, PhD**

*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. Richard Spoth**, Senior Prevention Scientist and the Director of the Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute at Iowa State University. As the Institute director, Dr. Spoth provides oversight for an interrelated set of projects addressing a range of research questions on universal prevention programming. These include research on engaging community participants in programs, program effectiveness, culturally-competent programming, community-university partnership effectiveness, partnership-based dissemination of evidence-based programs, and programs' economic benefits. These projects have been funded primarily by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.