

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.

Among his National Institutes of Health-funded projects, Dr. Spoth received a MERIT Award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse for a longitudinal study called the Capable Families and Youth Project. Another prevention trial, Project Family, is one of ten projects selected for the National Institute on Drug Abuse's "Preventing Drug Abuse among Children and Adolescents: A Research-based Guide;" one of the programs it evaluates has received recognition from several federal agencies. Work on a dissemination trial called PROSPER has received awards from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the National 4H Council; it has been reviewed and approved by the standard-setting Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development, the Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy, and the Social Impact Exchange.

In addition, Dr. Spoth has joined with colleagues to spearhead the development of a number of other prevention- and research-related organizations, including the Institute for Social and Behavioral Research at Iowa State University. He was a cofounder and Executive Committee Member for the Iowa Consortium for Substance Abuse Research and Evaluation, cited as a model collaborative in the Bridging the Gap between Practice and Research report by the Institute of Medicine.

Dr. Spoth's lead-authored publications in journals—such as the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, the Journal of Family Psychology, Prevention Science, the American Journal of Preventive Medicine and the American Journal of Public Health—reflect his research foci on universal prevention and the translation of prevention science into widespread community practice.