

SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION RESEARCH ADVOCACY TOOLKITS and RESOURCES

The Society for Prevention Research seeks to support our members' engagement with their local, state and federal representatives, to increase the emphasis on research and prevention at all levels of government. Instead of building a comprehensive set of tools for members to use to advocate for Prevention Science, SPR has gathered a list of existing resources from similar professional organizations to leverage their efforts in their respective fields.

Below is a current alphabetical list of organizations with an existing advocacy or public policy outreach. Each of these resources may include the organization's advocacy mission, policy briefs, lists of advocacy efforts, and some include action steps for members or the public to take to advocate on behalf of the organization's mission.

SPR encourages you to engage with your local, state or federal representatives on topics that align with your expertise, to engage with the public policy process as an advocate to the extent that you're able.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (AERA)

- Overall advocacy information from AERA's positions: <https://www.aera.net/Research-Policy-Advocacy>
- AERA's toolkit for meeting your representatives <https://cqrcengage.com/aeraedresearch/AERAAdvocacyToolkit?0>

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE (AAAS)

- Force for Science Toolkit: <https://www.aaas.org/resources/force-science-toolkit>
 - Be an effective communicator
 - Organize events on campus
 - Work with the media
 - Volunteer in the classroom
 - Writing an engaging op-ed
 - Be an early-career science advocate
 - Work with faith communities

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION (AFSP)

- Be an advocate for suicide prevention and research <https://afsp.org/advocate-for-suicide-prevention>
 - Action Center (to see what bills are being tracked/need support)
 - Become an Advocate (sign up to get action alerts)
 - AFSP's Public Policy Priorities
 - Resources for advocates (state and federal level)
 - State Fact Sheets

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)

- Be an advocate for psychology <https://www.apa.org/advocacy/guide/index.aspx>
 - Getting started: who to contact
 - Write a letter or email
 - Make a phone call
 - Visit your congressperson
 - Why does advocacy matter for psychologists

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (APHA)

- Advocacy for Public Health <https://www.apha.org/policies-and-advocacy/advocacy-for-public-health>
- Take Action: <https://apha.org/policies-and-advocacy/advocacy-for-public-health/action-alerts>

COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG COALITIONS OF AMERICA (CADCA)

- Practitioners and community focused prevention of substance use (<https://cadca.org/policy/publicpolicy>)
 - Legislative Process & Basics
 - Communication Tips
 - Federal Action Alerts
 - CADCA/Substance Use Prevention Priorities (funding for research, communities, and other policies)

CONSORTIUM OF SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS (COSSA)

- Advocate for the importance of social and behavioral science research to policymakers <https://www.cossa.org/advocacy/>
 - Includes list of ACTION ALERTS (<https://www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action/>)
 - Find your Member of Congress: House and Senate
 - How to meet, call or write to your Members of Congress
 - Advocacy Handbook (<https://www.cossa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018-COSSA-Advocacy-Handbook.pdf>)
 - State by State Federal Funding of Social and Behavioral Science Research, by State

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA (MHA)

- Take an active role in protecting America's mental health through legislative advocacy <https://mhanational.org/issues/advocacy-network>
 - Download the toolkit
 - Sign up for email alerts

NATIONAL PREVENTION SCIENCE COALITION (NPSC)

- Advocate for your U.S. Representative or Senator to join the Prevention Policy Caucus <https://www.npscoalition.org/prevention-policy-caucus>
- Keep up to date with upcoming and past Congressional Briefings, or even pitch an idea for an upcoming one! <https://www.npscoalition.org/congressional-briefings>

RESEARCH 2 POLICY COLLABORATIVE (RPC)

- Started with support from NPSC, the RPC supports evidence-based policy and provides support to legislative staff.
- Learn more and get involved at <https://www.research2policy.org/about>

PREVENT CANCER

- Take Action to help prevent cancer through broad advocacy efforts at local, state, and national levels: <https://www.preventcancer.org/advocacy/>
 - Utilize the “Take Action” link to send messages to representatives on a variety of topics

RESEARCH!AMERICA

- Take action to urge federal policymakers to make medical progress a higher national priority: <https://www.researchamerica.org/advocacy-and-action>
 - How to be an advocate <https://www.researchamerica.org/advocacy-action/how-be-advocate/advocacy-how-tos>
 - Frequently asked questions about advocacy
 - What you can do now

SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND ACTION (SCRA)

- Focus on community research and action: <http://www.scra27.org/what-we-do/policy/>
 - How to Be an Effective Advocate <http://www.scra27.org/what-we-do/policy/getting-involved-policy/>
 - Want to Contact a Member of Congress?
 - Want to know more about the bills and resolutions currently before Congress?
 - Want to encourage others to advocate for an issue?
 - Want to write a letter to the editor, editorial or Op-Ed?

SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SRCD)

- Learn more about policies and practices impacting the scientific community, follow their policy update, and/or look into the policy fellowship programs supported by the SRCD <https://www.srcd.org/policy-engagement>

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDY OF SOCIAL ISSUES (SPSSI)

- Advocacy Center
<https://www.spssi.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=1592&parentID=471>
- The US Federal Legislative Process (Congress.org)
- Ways of communicating with US Congress (Congress.org)
- How to write a policy brief
- E-resources for working with the media
- Principles for promoting social change: effective strategies for influencing attitudes and behaviors.

TRUST FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH

- Trust for America's Health (<https://www.tfah.org/>) newsletter for breaking down, topics, calls to action

See an organization or advocacy group that's missing? Or is there something that would be helpful in your advocacy for prevention science? Contact Jennifer Lewis, Executive Director, at jenniferlewis@preventionresearch.org.