



Implementation of the National Prevention Strategy

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Under the leadership of the **U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Regina Benjamin**, the National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council (**National Prevention Council**) is well positioned and committed to improving the health and wellbeing of our nation.

As laid out in its **statutory role**, the National Prevention Council:

- Provides coordination and ongoing leadership at the Federal level, and among all Federal departments.
- Establishes processes for continual public input.
- Establishes specific and measureable agency-specific actions to address recommendations.
- Monitors and tracks federal actions.
- Produces an Annual Status Report to Congress.

To showcase the contributions the Council and its member Departments are making to prevention, the National Prevention Council is planning to release a **National Prevention Council Action Plan** in conjunction with the Annual Status Report to Congress in late June 2012.

This Council Action Plan will feature:

1. **Specific high impact actions being taken by the full Council** to accelerate positive health benefits for the public.
2. **Individual and collaborative Council department activities** that advance the recommendations of the National Prevention Strategy.

Similar to the National Prevention Strategy, this Action Plan is intended to be dynamic, evolving as the needs, interests and priorities of individuals, families and communities change.

The National Prevention Council recognizes that **partnerships** among Federal, state, tribal, local, and territorial governments; business, industry, and other private sector partners; philanthropic organizations; community and faith-based organizations; and everyday Americans are essential to improve health through prevention.

“The National Prevention Council members and I are fully committed to implementing the National Prevention Strategy.”

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Prevention, Health
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