



# National Prevention Network/NASADAD

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## Welcome to the National Prevention Network

The National Prevention Network (NPN) is an association of alcohol and other drug abuse prevention professionals. NPN is a component of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD). The NPN provides culturally appropriate guidance and leadership to national, state, and local prevention efforts to reduce the incidence and prevalence of alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) problems. NPN representatives work with their respective Single State Agency (SSA) ATOD Directors to ensure the provision of high quality and effective alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse prevention services in each state and jurisdiction.\*

### Who are the members of NPN?

The NPN members represent States, the District of Columbia and island jurisdictions. The NPN members are designated by the NASADAD Director in their jurisdiction and they come from varying backgrounds and fields of study.

### What are NPN's Goals?

The NPN goals for 2008-2009 are:

- Impact the national prevention research agenda;
- Develop and retain the prevention workforce; and
- Culturally appropriate marketing and demonstrating the accountability of prevention.

### Who are some of NPN's Partners?

To implement its mission, NPN provides an organizational structure to assist federal agencies and other organizations to accomplish mutual prevention priorities and projects.

NPN works closely with and provides support for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). NPN collaborates with NIDA and NIAAA. NPN has established a Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) and also collaborates with the Society for Prevention Research (SPR).



## Promoting Substance Abuse Prevention and the Continuum of Care

The NPN believes that prevention is a complex process that requires more than a singular strategy or approach. A wide range of factors contribute to alcohol and other drug problems, and ATOD prevention is based on the understanding that these factors vary among individuals, geographic regions, age groups, racial/ethnic groups, and gender groups. Effective prevention is a systemic responsibility involving local, state, and national agencies, organizations, and groups. The NPN, in conjunction with NASADAD, and through its network of state prevention providers, provides leadership, coordination, and communication to its members and to the prevention field in general.

The NPN uses its leadership role to promote high-quality prevention services through:

- Communication among states and jurisdictions to increase awareness and availability of effective and innovative prevention strategies;
- Advocacy at national, state, and regional levels for prevention services;
- Development of recommendations and policy guidelines to guide and enhance state's and jurisdiction's use of prevention resources;
- Leadership of national campaigns to mobilize cooperation around national efforts; and
- Promotion and growth of the leadership of tomorrow in the field of prevention.

## Accomplishments of the NPN

- **National Prevention Research Conference:** This annual national conference brings the latest research findings in prevention to a large and diverse audience of prevention professionals.
- **National Exemplary Awards for Innovative Substance Abuse Programs, Practices and Policies:** This is an annual national nomination and selection process that identifies, recognizes, and publicizes exemplary prevention programs. NPN/NASADAD partners with CSAP and CADCA to provide the awards.
- **National Communication Campaign:** NPN collaborates with CSAP to create a nationwide communication campaign called "Making Prevention Work in Our State." Ongoing collaboration with CSAP and the NPN Public Information and Media Committee is producing excellent training materials.

\* Jurisdiction refers to the District of Columbia and all island territories.

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## Links

[www.NASADAD.org](http://www.NASADAD.org)

**National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors**

[www.SAMHSA.gov](http://www.SAMHSA.gov)

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

[www.nrepp.samhsa.gov](http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov)

**National Registry of Effective Programs and Practices**

[www.ncadi.samhsa.gov](http://www.ncadi.samhsa.gov)

**National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information**

[www.captus.samhsa.gov](http://www.captus.samhsa.gov)

**Centers for the Application of Prevention Technologies**

[www.nationaloutcomemeasures.samhsa.gov](http://www.nationaloutcomemeasures.samhsa.gov)

**National Outcome Measures**



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