

# Preventing Drug Abuse: Putting Science to Practice for Real World Solutions

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**(Lunch will be served)**  
**Rayburn House Office Building Room 2168 (Gold Room)**

*Prevention science has made great progress in recent years. Thanks to NIDA's investment in long-term research on the biological, behavioral and environmental underpinnings of drug abuse behaviors and effective prevention programs, evidence-based interventions are being tested in "real-world" settings so they can be more easily adapted for community use, helping practitioners to use the results of prevention research to address drug use among children and adolescents. Scientists are studying a broad range of populations and strategies, including prevention of risk behaviors before drug abuse occurs in younger adolescents and prevention of further abuse or addiction in older teens who are already using drugs. Parents, educators, and community leaders are using this research to guide their thinking, planning, selection, and delivery of drug abuse prevention programs at the community level. Prevention research can continue to generate effective, appropriate, and practical approaches for communities working on the challenges of preventing drug abuse among children and adolescents nationwide.*

## **Speakers:**

**Nora Volkow, MD**, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, will provide an overview of NIDA's drug abuse prevention research portfolio.

**Richard Spoth, PhD**, Director of the Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute at Iowa State University, will present empirical findings from his 15 years of NIDA-funded experimental research on partnership-based implementation of a range of interventions for youth and families, including long-term positive outcomes, economic benefits, success of the evidence-based PROSPER partnership model, and future directions in partnership network development.

**Ms. Diane Eckert**, a leader in a Fairfax community-based prevention coalition, will discuss how evidence based practices have been effective within her community in the fight to prevent drug abuse.

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