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The Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service

The Surgeon General leads the Commissioned Corps
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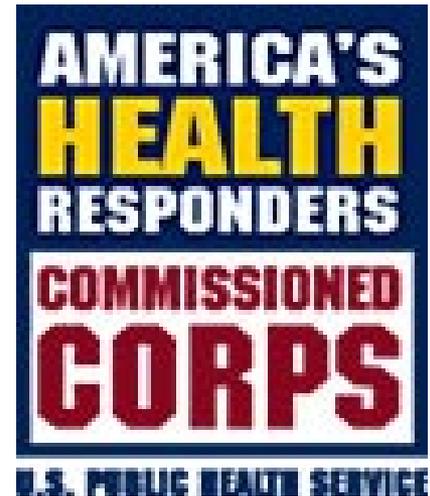
The Mission of the Commissioned Corps

**Protecting, promoting, and advancing
the health and safety of the nation**

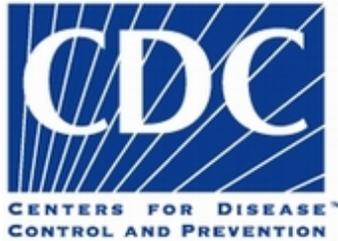


Commissioned Corps Officers

- Over 6,700 officers in 800 locations, worldwide
- 11 Professional Categories
 - Medical
 - Dental
 - Nursing
 - Pharmacy
 - Scientist
 - Health Services
 - Engineer
 - Therapist
 - Veterinarian
 - Dietitian
 - Environmental Health

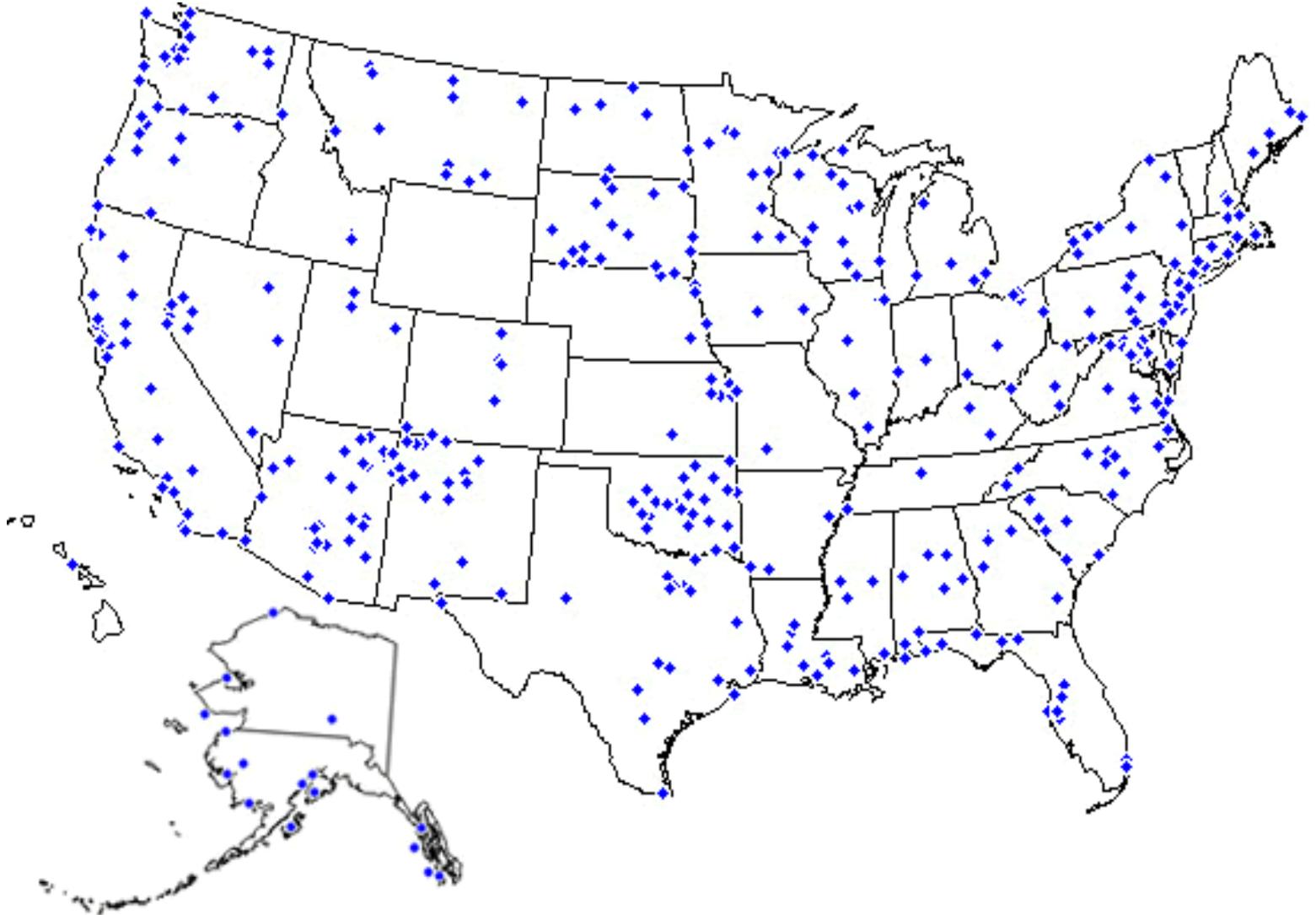


Federal Agencies



(Not all agencies and programs are represented)

U.S. Duty Stations



The USPHS Commissioned Corps

As America's uniformed service of public health professionals, the Commissioned Corps achieves this mission through:

- Leadership and excellence in public health practice
- The advancement of public health science
- Rapid and effective response to public health needs

A Proud History



From Ellis Island...
...To tribal lands
Across America...
...Around the World

Statutory Authority 42 USC 204

- Corps shall be used “for deployment to respond to public health emergencies, both foreign and domestic...”
- The Secretary shall “ensure that members of the Corps are trained, equipped and otherwise prepared to fulfill public health and emergency response roles...”

Community Health and Service Missions (CHASM)

Public Health Initiatives

- Food and Water System Assessments
- Epidemiologic/Public Health Consultation
- Vector Control
- Water/Sewer System Assessments
- Preventive Medicine Education
- Preparedness Planning
- Immunizations

Infrastructure Support

- Basic Biomedical Repair and Training
- Environmental Engineering

Direct Medical Care

- Primary / Consultative Care
- General / Specialty Surgical Care

Medical/Nursing Education

- Basic Medical/Surgical Nursing
- Skill Training
- BLS, ACLS

Pharmacy Services

- Dispensing/Inventory Control



Surgeon General's Priorities



Tobacco Free Living



Mental and Emotional Well-Being



Healthy Eating



Active Living

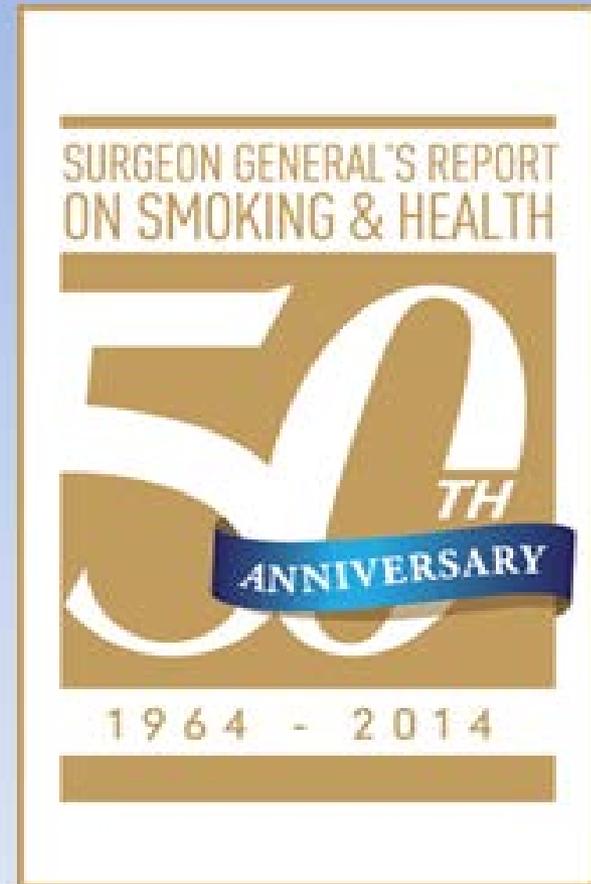
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Tobacco and Drug Free Living

- Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States
 - Associated with: heart disease, cancer, lung disease, stroke, periodontal disease
- Drug abuse and excessive alcohol use
 - Leads to: motor vehicle crashes, violence, unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, injuries, cancer, heart disease

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50th Anniversary Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health



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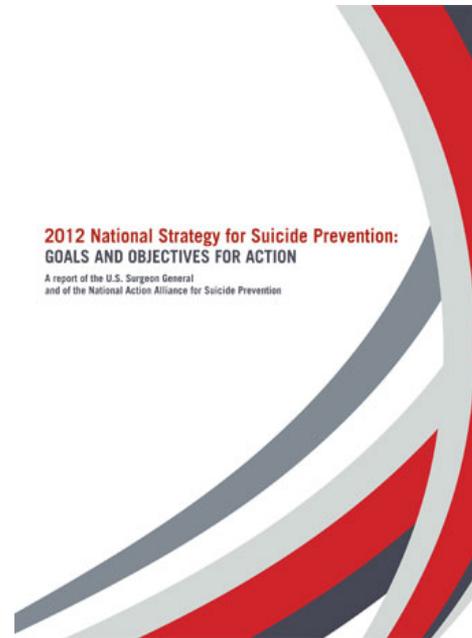
Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being

- Mental illness is responsible for more disability than any other group of illnesses.
 - Many may not feel comfortable talking about or getting effective treatment
- Emotional well being:
 - spotlights ways to overcome barriers to treatment, realize full potential, cope with life stressors, work productively, meaningful contributions to communities

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2012 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention Prevention

Goals and Objectives for Action

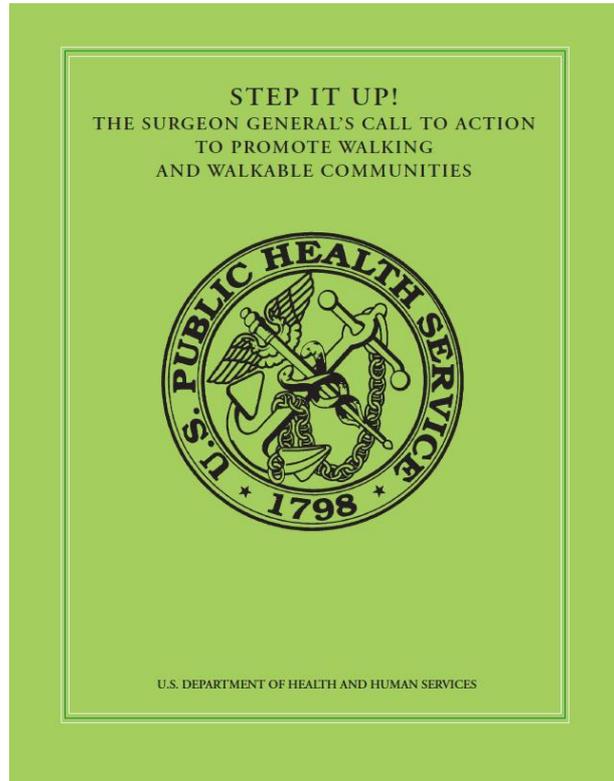


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Healthy Eating

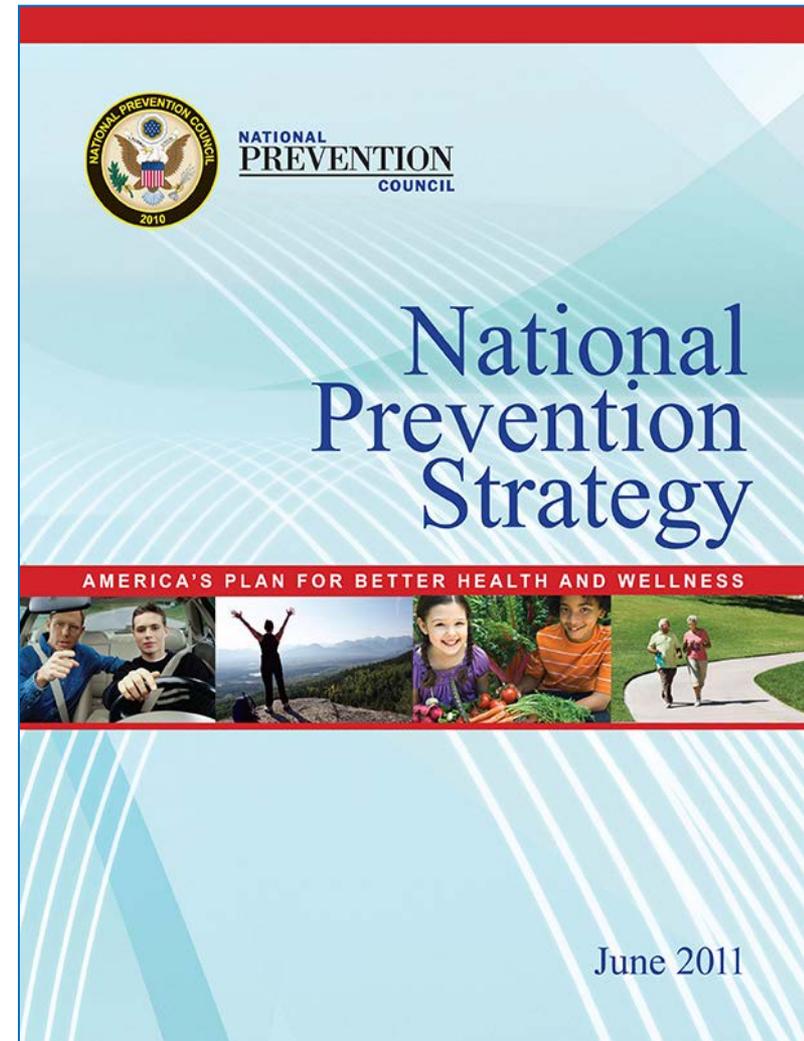
- The Surgeon General is committed to *providing evidence-based information on healthy diets and health choices are accessible, affordable and desirable*
- Proper nutrition, healthy foods, portion control reduce risk:
 - of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, osteoporosis, several types of cancer

STEP IT UP! Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities



The Surgeon General's Priorities

- Extensive stakeholder and public input
- Aligns and focuses prevention and health promotion efforts with existing evidence base
- Supports national plans



NATIONAL PREVENTION STRATEGY



2014

National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council

ANNUAL STATUS REPORT

July 1, 2014

National Prevention Council Commitments

- Identifying Opportunities to Consider Prevention and Health
- Increasing Tobacco Free Environments
- Increasing Access to Healthy, Affordable Food

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITIES

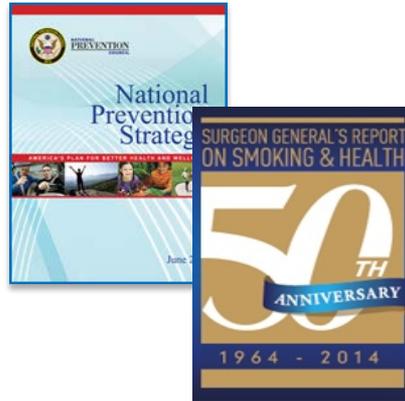


- Tobacco Free Living
- Preventing Drug Abuse and Excessive Alcohol Use
- Healthy Eating
- Active Living
- Injury and Violence Free Living
- Reproductive and Sexual Health
- Mental and Emotional Well-being

Values and Opportunities



**National
Strategic
Priorities**



**Prevention
and
Health**



**Global
Health**



**Health
Security
/ Surge
Capacity**



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**The Surgeon General is the
“Nation’s Doctor”**





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