

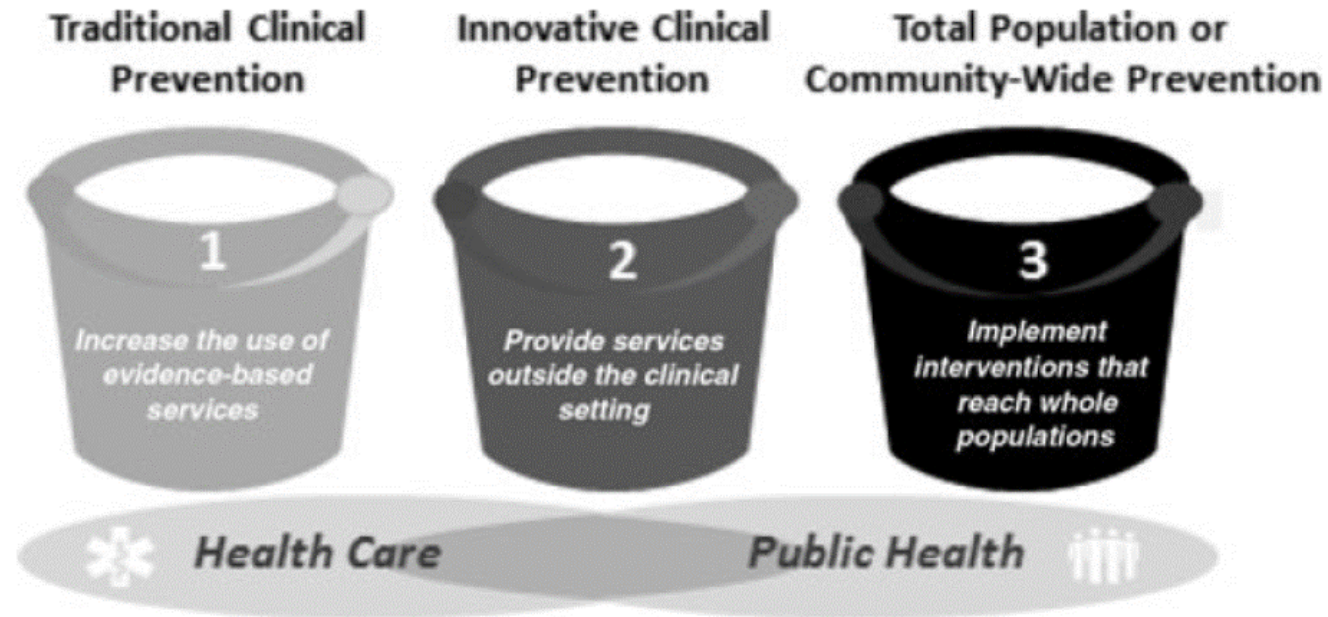
# Need for Public Health Prevention and Wellness

## The Nevada Public Health Association

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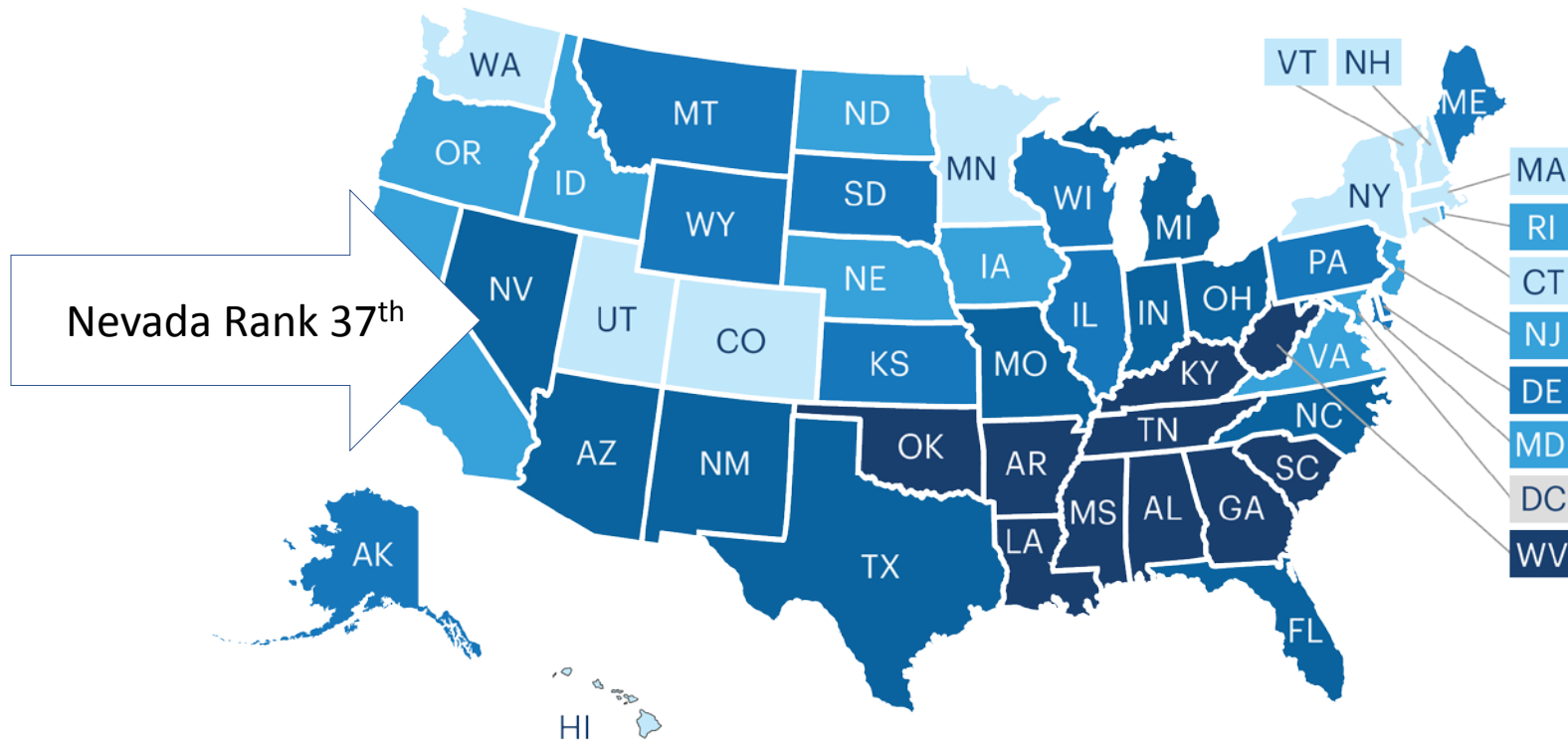
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# Three Buckets of Prevention



Source: John Auerbach. "The Three Buckets of Prevention." *Journal of Public Health Management Practice* (January 2016).

# 2017 Annual Report State Rankings



**RANK:** 1 to 10 11 to 20 21 to 30 31 to 40 41 to 50 Not Ranked

# Current Nevada Health Rankings

## Strengths

- Low percentage of children in poverty (Rank of 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Low prevalence of obesity (8<sup>th</sup>)
- Low incidence of *Salmonella* (2<sup>nd</sup>) and infectious disease (8<sup>th</sup>)
- Smoking

## Challenges

- High school graduation rate (49<sup>th</sup>)
- Drug deaths (42<sup>nd</sup>)
- High violent crime rate (48<sup>th</sup>)
- Lack of health insurance (44<sup>th</sup>)
- Primary care physicians per capita (46<sup>th</sup>)
- Public health funding per person (50<sup>th</sup>)

# National Health Expenditures and Public Health Funding in the US

- US health spending: \$3.3 trillion or \$10,348 per person in 2016
- Share of GDP devoted to health care spending was 17.9%, up from 17.7% in 2015
- Only \$82.2 billion or 2.4% spent on government public health services

Source: Hartman, M., et al. (2018). "National Health Care Spending in 2016: Spending and Enrollment Growth Slow After Initial Coverage Expansions." *Health Affairs* January 37:1:1-11.

# Past as Prologue? State Spending on Tobacco Prevention and Control in Nevada

- Tobacco prevention and control in Nevada\*
  - Annual state revenues from tobacco taxes and the tobacco MSA (~\$40 M): \$245 M
  - FY 2017 state tobacco prevention spending: \$1 million
  - % of CDC recommended spending (\$30 M): 3.3%
- Public health regulation of legal cannabis
  - Question 2 – 15% wholesale tax, no dedicated wholesale tax revenue to public health
  - Senate Bill 487 – 10% retail tax, no dedicated tax revenue to prevention and public health

\*Source: Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids (2017). *Broken Promises to Our Children: A State-by-State Look at the 1998 Tobacco Settlement 19 Years Later.*

# Chronic Disease Prevention

NPHA part of these state efforts:

- Nevada Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
- Nevada Chronic Care Collaborative
- NPHA members serve on the Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease

# Chronic Disease Prevention

Over 60 cents of every health care dollar spent is to treat chronic conditions

## Challenges:

- Implementing preventative best practices that minimize public health and health care risks into health care wellness and treatment
- Funding prevention without compromising treatment

# Chronic Disease Prevention

Prevention works!

- Tobacco use most preventable cause of chronic diseases
- In addition to education/information/outreach programs and campaigns, the following have been used successfully to prevent tobacco use:
  - Tobacco taxes
  - Clean air and other use restrictions
  - Age restrictions
  - Licensing requirements

# Chronic Disease Prevention

## Recommendations:

- Increased funding for tobacco control
- Regulation and taxation of e-cigarettes and other vapor products
- Tougher, fee-based tobacco retail licensing requirements
- Tobacco 21
- Modernize the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act, eliminate exemptions

# 2018-2019 Public Health Policy Priorities

- Advocating for investments in core public health infrastructure in Nevada,
- Ensuring access to clinical and preventive health services for all Nevada residents
- Advocating for a permanent source of funding for vector control at the county level
- Advocating for tobacco and E-cigarette prevention policy in Nevada

# 2018-2019 Public Health Policy Priorities

- Supporting evidence-based gun violence prevention
- Advocating for the development and implementation of local boards of health and health districts in rural and frontier counties of Nevada
- Promoting healthy lifestyles through the support of nutritious eating and activating living
- Protecting and promoting maternal, child, and adolescent health in Nevada

# 2018-2019 Public Health Policy Priorities

- Supporting evidence-based injury prevention in Nevada
- Promoting an effective public health framework for regulating legal marijuana sales and use in Nevada
- Advocating for funding and policy to ensure a competent public and personal health care workforce
- Advocating for policy measures that address health equity and the social determinants of health in Nevada

# Thank You

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