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POLL #1

Are you attending this Web Forum:

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As Vice President for Public Policy and Programs for the Public Health Institute (PHI), Matthew works to advance and support the work of the organization’s domestic and global health programs, identifying opportunities to strengthen program impact and promote cross-program collaboration. Matthew is also responsible for designing and implementing strategy for monitoring and influencing public policy, legislation and regulations affecting PHI projects and public health policy relevant to PHI interests.

Website: www.phi.org
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• **The American Public Health Association** is the oldest and most diverse organization of public health professionals in the world and has been working to improve public health since 1872.

• **Prevention Institute** was founded in 1997 to serve as a focal point for primary prevention practice—promoting policies, organizational practices, and collaborative efforts that improve health, equity and quality of life.

• **The Public Health Institute** (PHI) is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting health, well-being and quality of life for people throughout California, across the nation and around the world.

• **Trust for America's Health** (TFAH) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to saving lives by protecting the health of every community and working to make disease prevention a national priority.
Objectives

• Hear about recent efforts on the Hill to support the Fund and educate lawmakers about the importance of prevention

• Learn from Community Transformation Grantees about their progress in improving health outcomes in their communities

• Discuss tools and strategies to educate members of Congress on the importance of the investments being made through the Prevention Fund.
Introducing our presenters:

Andi Fristedt
Genoveva Islas-Hooker
Lark Galloway-Gilliam
Mariel Mehdipour
Becky Salay
Sana Chehimi
Andi Fristedt is a Health Policy Advisor with the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP), chaired by Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa. Andi’s portfolio on the Committee includes disease prevention, public health, medical research, and global health. Prior to joining the Committee staff, Andi worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Washington Office, where her work most recently focused on HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis.

Website: www.help.senate.gov
Genoveva Islas-Hooker, MPH
California CTG Project Coordinator
Public Health Institute

Genoveva Islas-Hooker currently serves as the Project Coordinator for Public Health Institutes’ statewide effort to connect all CDC funded Community Transformation sites in California. The project seeks to increase networking and collaboration across sites to support the successful implementation of efforts short term and the sustaining of the work in California longer term.

Genoveva is the Board Chair for the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, a board member of the California Food Policy Advocates, a board member for the California Institute for Rural Studies, a steering committee member for California Convergence and an advisory board member for various other organizations.

Website:  www.phi.org
Mariel T. Mehdipour, MPH has always had an enthusiasm for community outreach. She is currently the Director of Community Wellness of the Kern County Department of Public Health and oversees its community education and outreach efforts. Moreover, Mariel is closely involved with Kern County’s efforts to prevent chronic disease and obesity and to promote a culture of health via their Call to Action for a Healthier Kern initiative of which Kern’s Community Transformation Grant project is an important component.
Lark Galloway-Gilliam is the Executive Director of Community Health Councils, a consumer-oriented health promotion and advocacy organization that focuses on increasing access to quality healthcare and improving the health of under-resourced communities. Ms. Galloway-Gilliam has played an active role in the policy debate around expansion of healthcare coverage for children and families; national healthcare reform; health equity and healthcare quality improvement; environmental justice; and improving the built environment in under-served communities. Her work challenges consumers and policymakers alike to examine their assumptions, value and learn from each other, and explore alternative models for eliminating disparities and the chronic conditions confronting communities.

Website:  www.chc-inc.org
Becky Salay
Director of Government Relations
Trust for America’s Health

Becky Salay is the Director of Government Relations at TFAH, ensuring the group's public policy agenda is implemented at all levels of government: federal, state and local. Previously, she was the Associate Director of Government Affairs at the Center for American Progress, where she worked on health reform, education, work/life balance, LGBT and poverty issues. Ms. Salay began her career on Capitol Hill, where she served for nearly 10 years on the staff of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT).

Website:  http://healthyamericans.org/
Sana Chehimi, MPH
Program Director
Prevention Institute


**Website:** [www.preventioninstitute.org](http://www.preventioninstitute.org)
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POLL #2

How familiar are you with the federal budget situation and its impact on the Prevention Fund?

a. Very familiar
b. Somewhat familiar
c. Not familiar
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POLL #3

Are you familiar with work being done through a Community Transformation Grant to improve health outcomes in your community?

a. Very familiar
b. Somewhat familiar
c. Not familiar
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In coordination with the December 10th event to educate members of Congress about how their communities and constituents benefit from the Prevention and Public Health Fund, I am willing to:

*Check all those that apply*

a. Call my Senators/Representatives  
b. Write an Op-Ed or Letter-to-the-Editor  
c. Send an email to my lawmakers  
d. Participate in a meeting with my legislator or their staff  
e. Other (please type your response in Q&A)
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Thank you to our presenters and moderator:

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Lark Galloway-Gilliam
Mariel Mehdipour
Matthew Marsom
Becky Salay
Sana Chehimi
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Holly Calhoun
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