

TITLE: The Confusion of Prevention

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ABSTRACT: In Oregon, and around the nation, there are inconsistent meanings of the term prevention for individual, community, and institutional health practices. Legislation and community health settings often confuse the terms. The Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon legislature fund unfocused programs across healthcare institutions, counties, communities, and Tribes. By discussion and review of current agency, and academic definitions, this work session will clarify the use of the term prevention. Young and old are damaged by the miscommunication of prevention in the mental health, physical health, and substance use fields. Improvements in knowledge and action can fortify and strengthen structures and policy to contribute to the life-long health of Oregonians. Federal, global and community agencies are working to unite understandings and develop unified action that will improve health and health care for all.

OBJECTIVE(S): Participant will be able to explain the term prevention. Participant will identify stakeholder group definitions of prevention to better be able to connect around mutual concerns and activities. Participant will be able to clearly articulate prevention mechanisms across the spectrum of health care.
