

**Draft Public Health Pre-Conference  
Agenda April 11, 2018**

**Unleashing the Power of Prevention: Implications for Public Health Professionals in Utah**  
(tentative title)

*Session 1: What is Unleashing the Power of Prevention? (Jenson & Bumbarger)*  
9 AM-10:15 AM

This session will review the importance and evolution of preventing behavioral health problems (e.g., substance use, delinquency, mental health problem symptoms, other risky behavior) among young people. Evidence supporting preventive interventions for children, youth, and families will be reviewed. The Unleashing the Power of Prevention framework will be introduced. The framework's 7 Goals and Action Steps will be illustrated through applied examples. Progress in meeting these goals will be noted. Implications for advancing prevention in Utah will be discussed in small groups.

Break: 10:15-10:30 AM

*Session 2: Promoting Prevention Practice and Principles in Public Systems and Communities (Bumbarger)*  
10:30-11:45 AM

This session will be interactive in nature and include structured small and large group discussions that address topics of how lessons and evidence from prevention applies to public systems and communities. The Unleashing the Power of Prevention team will develop questions and activities in coordination with your planning group, and facilitate discussions. Topics will focus on the overall theme of understanding how prevention can be more seamlessly integrated or considered by practitioners and administrators in communities and public systems that include a mix of prevention, early intervention, and treatment services. Connections to existing initiatives aimed at preventing intergenerational poverty in Utah will also be examined.

Lunch: 11:45 – 1PM

*Session 3: Preparing the Workforce for Prevention Practice (Jenson)*  
1:00-2:00 PM

The Unleashing the Power of Prevention team has created a series of prevention training modules. We will present content from selected modules and discuss their application to participants' professional roles and to public health systems.

## **Biographical Sketches**

**Jeff Jenson**, Ph.D., is the *Philip D. and Eleanor G. Winn Endowed Professor for Children and Youth* in the Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver. His research focuses on the application of a public health approach to preventing child and adolescent health and behavior problems and on the evaluation of preventive interventions aimed at promoting healthy youth development. Dr. Jenson has published seven books and more than 100 articles and chapters on topics of child and adolescent development and prevention science. He is Chair of the Coalition for the Promotion of Behavioral Health and Co-Lead of *Unleashing the Power of Prevention*, an initiative of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare's Grand Challenge: *Ensure Healthy Development for all Youth*. Dr. Jenson is the recipient of the Aaron Rosen Award from the Society for Social Work and Research and the Distinguished Scholar and University Lecturer awards from the University of Denver. He is the current editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, a fellow of the Society for Social Work and Research, and a fellow and board member of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare.

**Dr. Brian Bumbarger** works at the intersection of research, public policy, and practice to improve outcomes for communities, families and children. He is an Adjunct Research Fellow at the Criminology Institute at Griffith University (Queensland, Australia), Adjunct Research Associate at the Prevention Research Centers at both Colorado State University and Penn State University, and a consultant on community and public systems capacity-building to the Annie E. Casey Foundation. He is the Founding Director and Principal Investigator of the Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center ([www.EPISCenter.org](http://www.EPISCenter.org)), an intermediary organization supporting the scale-up of more than 300 evidence-based program replications and community collective impact coalitions.

Brian currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Prevention Science Coalition ([npscoalition.org](http://npscoalition.org)) and on the Steering Committee for the Coalition for the Promotion of Behavioral Health. Brian serves on federal Expert Panels for the National Institute on Drug Abuse, U.S Department of Education, National Institute of Justice, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Administration for Children and Families, and regularly provides testimony before state legislatures, Congress, and to governments internationally. From 2012-2015 Brian was elected to the Board of Directors of the international Society for Prevention Research (SPR), and was the recipient of the Society's 2014 Translational Science Award for his research on dissemination and implementation of evidence-based practices. He is a founding member of the Society for Implementation Research Collaboration (SIRC).

For nearly two decades, he conducted research on the dissemination, implementation, and sustainment of evidence-based prevention and youth development. He has been the principal investigator on several longitudinal studies of program implementation, effectiveness and sustainability, and has published a number of articles, book chapters and state and federal policy papers on prevention and implementation science.