



CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING

Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living

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Date: **Wednesday, February 2, 2011**

Time: **9:00 AM to 10:00 AM (breakfast included)**

Venue: **Capitol Visitor Center*, Room 203-02**
(Room is located on Senate side), Washington, D.C.

**Use the First Street entrance, located across from the Supreme Court Building*

This briefing will highlight:

Violence and fear of violence undermine the effectiveness of efforts to prevent chronic diseases. Preventing violence in the first place, therefore, is critical to improving America's health.

- Evidence on the links between violence and healthy eating and physical activity
- Evidence on what works to prevent violence, including examples from a national CDC-funded initiative, UNITY
- Solutions to decrease violence while increasing healthy eating and active living
- Lessons from a community pilot to integrate a violence prevention approach into efforts to increase access to healthy food
- Implications for federal policies and policy implementation

Panelists:

- **Deborah Prothrow-Stith, MD**, Harvard School of Public Health
- **Linda Degutis, DrPH, MSN**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control
- **Paul López**, Denver City Councilmember, District 3
- **Virginia Lee, MPH, CHES**, Prevention Institute
- **Larry Cohen, MSW**, Prevention Institute (Moderator)
- Brief remarks by **Brian D. Smedley, PhD**, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and **Susan Polan, PhD**, American Public Health Association

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Download the paper, **Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living**, at www.preventioninstitute.org. Determined to improve health and safety for everyone, Prevention Institute builds prevention and equity into key policies and actions to transform the places where people live, work, play and learn.

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