

Michigan Prevention Association
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What are MPA's Prevention Values?

We believe effective prevention strategies are:

- ▣ provided before a problem occurs.
- ▣ based on a model designed to reduce risk factors and strengthen protective factors.
- ▣ planned and delivered by youth, parents schools, agencies, faith communities, the business sector, civic groups, government and other organizations and individuals working together.
- ▣ planned and delivered across disciplines because:
 - ◆ most risk and protective factors are not specific to a single problem.
 - ◆ key prevention strategies used by different fields are complementary.
- ▣ directed at changing the environment as well as changing individual behavior.
- ▣ community based, comprehensive, accessible, culturally competent, and developmentally appropriate.
- ▣ systematically evaluated.
- ▣ designed to provide a more wholesome, caring, nurturing world for children and families.

MPA

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Association

*A membership
organization for
those working
in prevention*

*Doing it better
by working
together.*

What is MPA's mission?

Michigan Prevention Association promotes excellence in the field of prevention, makes prevention a priority, and unites prevention advocates across disciplines to create a large, vocal constituency on behalf of prevention efforts throughout the human life span.

Who belongs to MPA?

Individuals come from the fields of health, education, substance abuse prevention, criminal justice, law enforcement and human services. Membership is open to volunteers, professionals, retirees, students and other interested citizens from all fields.

What is MPA's definition of prevention?

Prevention consists of programs, policies, and practices designed to:

- ▣ reduce the incidence of costly social and personal problems.
- ▣ promote healthy, safe, and productive lives.
- ▣ Strengthen protective factors to build resiliency.

What are the benefits of MPA membership?

- ▣ newsletter and advocacy listserv
- ▣ advocacy training and support
- ▣ access to an inter-disciplinary network of preventionists
- ▣ opportunity to speak in one voice
- ▣ reduced rates for meetings and conferences

What is MPA's approach to prevention?

MPA utilizes a strength-based approach to prevention – a pro-active process that promotes the physical and social well-being of individuals, families and community.

The goal of prevention is to reduce or eliminate risk factors and strengthen protective or resiliency factors.

Prevention includes various strategies aimed at educating the community, changing the environment, as well as those designed for individuals, groups and families.

Why should I join?

MPA unites prevention advocates across disciplines to create a large, vocal constituency on behalf of prevention efforts throughout the human life span.

MPA also provides members with access to a broad range of people with a common vision and from different systems – people who have resources, strategies and skill to share as well as people working locally to raise prevention's visibility and credibility.

We can do it better by working together.

MPA conducts regular business meetings via phone conference and in person meetings. For a schedule of these meetings, visit www.yourmpa.org, or call ken at 517-393-6890 or Dana at 586-871-5719 MPA08

MPA Membership Application

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Day phone _____

I want to help in the following area(s):

- Advocacy
- Networking
- Membership and Public Relations
- Professional Training and Development

Membership:

- New member
- Renewal

Membership is **\$35.00** for calendar year. Members are encouraged to renew early.

Please make your check* payable to:

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Mail this form with your check to:

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