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Environmental Health Policy Landscape and Outlook

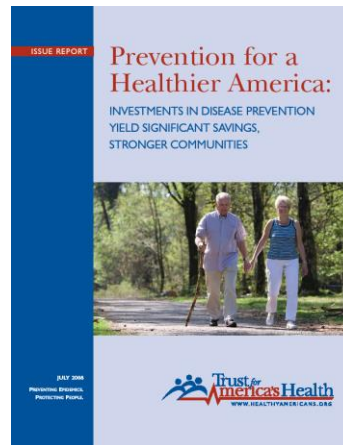
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About TFAH: Who We Are

- 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.



Overview

- Current and emerging policy debate
- *Playbook* values
- Case study: TFAH priorities

Policy Debate

- Specific policies:
 - *Affordable Care Act*
 - Infrastructure (e.g., surface transportation)
 - Farm Bill
 - Clean Air Act
 - Regulatory Reform
 - *Waters of the U.S.A.*



Policy Debate

- Ongoing philosophical tensions:
 - Role of government vs. personal responsibility
 - Size (\$\$) of government vs. revenue obligations
 - Short term costs vs. long-term gains
 - General welfare vs. equity

What Shapes Health?



Source: County Health Rankings and Roadmaps

Playbook Values

- “Everyone should have the opportunity to achieve the highest possible level of health at all stages of life.”
- Three overriding themes:
 - Prevention
 - Response
 - Real-Life (i.e., practical) Solutions

Case Study: TFAH

- Ongoing organizational priorities:
 - Modernizing public health system
 - Prioritizing prevention in reforming healthcare delivery system
 - Integrating social and health supports into a broader mission to strengthen communities

Healthy Housing

- Ongoing organizational priorities:
 - Modernizing public health system
 - Do governmental public health agencies have foundational capabilities (surveillance/environmental inspection, etc.) to address health issues in the home?
 - Prioritizing prevention in reforming healthcare delivery system
 - Who do payers hold accountable for health outcomes affected by housing conditions? How? When?

Healthy Housing

- Ongoing organizational priorities:
 - Integrating social and health supports
 - Do HUD dollars remediate conditions that negatively impact health?
 - Does HUD policy permit smoking in public housing?
 - What is the role for other agencies?
 - What is the role of private actors?

For Further Information



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