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Welcome!

On behalf of the **National Prevention Network (NPN)** Membership it is our privilege to welcome you to the 22nd Annual Prevention Research Conference. Our members have developed a stimulating, provocative and enjoyable conference with a wide range of substantive topics and levels of expertise.

This year, look for a dedicated emphasis on ensuring culturally competent and relevant services, which is woven throughout the conference. Look for other exciting additions and information in your conference program guide.

As we come together this year in Anaheim to share the most current information from experienced prevention researchers and practitioners, we encourage you to reflect on this conference theme, **“Prevention Research: Striking Gold.”**

Strike Gold in California:

- ★ Gain knowledge from nationally recognized researchers and practitioners who are using research to strike gold with successful outcomes for prevention planning.
- ★ Recognize golden opportunities available by networking across systems and with other prevention partners.
- ★ Know that the services you provide are golden opportunities to improve the health and safety of our children, families and communities.

The NPN and the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors along with our host, the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, want you to feel comfortable dialoguing with all presenters, exhibitors, and conference planners. It is our intent to make this a professional conference that you will want to attend annually. We will all do our best to make the conference meaningful to all who attend, and hope your visit to Anaheim is enjoyable!

Thank you for participating in our 22nd Annual Conference. Your attendance of this conference is another demonstration of your commitment to the substance abuse prevention field.

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