

# Prevention through Active Community Engagement (PACE)

## *U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps*

### **Overview**

- The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHS CC), also known as Commissioned Corps is a voice for the federal government on public health related priorities. Led by the 20th U.S. Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Dr. Jerome Adams, they fill the vital role of protecting, promoting, and advancing our nation's health and safety.
- As one of the seven uniformed services, the Commissioned Corps have more than 6,500 full-time, highly qualified, public health professionals serving the most underserved and vulnerable populations, both domestically and abroad.
- PACE initiated Commissioned Corps community outreach activities are aligned with the initiatives of the Office of the Surgeon General and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.
- PACE provides evidenced-based education to at-risk communities
  - Materials are tailored to be inclusive of multiple ages, demographics, and languages
- PACE builds relationships and trust between the Commissioned Corps and city/state health and education institutions, federal partners, and local communities, including local business and faith based organizations.

### **PACE Community Outreach Strategies**

- Leverage the expertise of Commissioned Corps officers stationed in states and territories to provide education in the communities they serve.
  - Coordinate educational efforts on general public health issues with subject matter expertise and existing resources in conjunction with federal and local governments.
  - Implement the Surgeon General Education Teams (SGET) across all 10 Regional Health Areas to provide focused outreach on the Surgeon General's Initiatives.
  - Provide culturally competent and standardized educational materials at multiple community levels.
    - Primary/Secondary School education
    - Community level education (multiple languages)
    - Provider level education (multiple disciplines)
- Coordinating efforts with Congressional Districts, State and Local governments, and non-government entities to maximize coverage of prevention approaches and minimize overlap

### **Community Outreach**

Since January 2013, PACE conducted 199 events:

- 74 Cities across 18 States
- 123 Venues
- Educating 23,939 individuals

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Since December 2016, PACE conducted 13 events:

- 10 Cities across 5 States
- 11 Venues
- Educating 1971 individuals