



# The Prevention Hub

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To prevent drug abuse through  
the promotion of health and  
well-being in children and  
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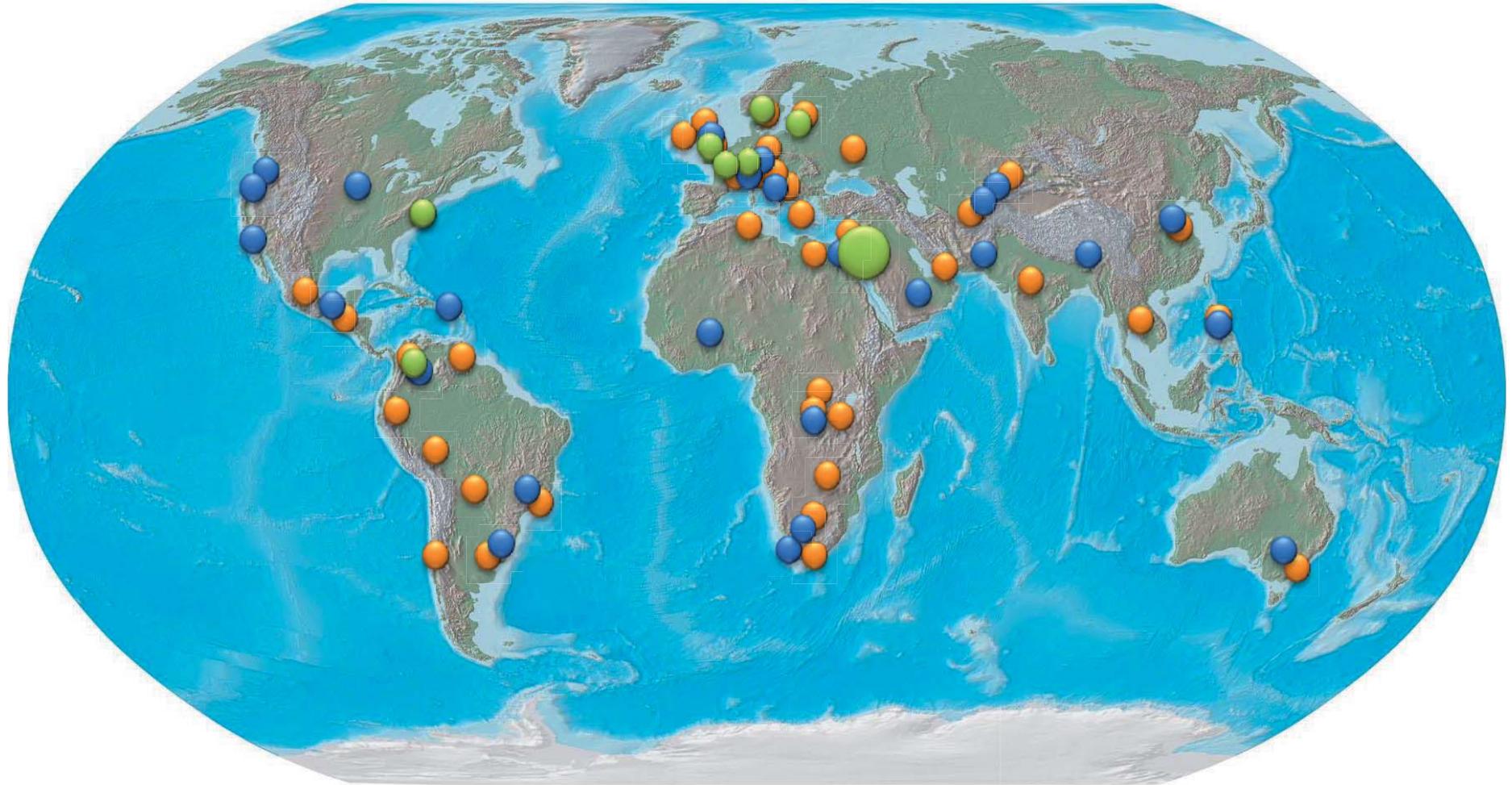
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# The need for Prevention

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***“More than 4 in 10 people who begin drinking before age 15 eventually become alcoholics.”***

Drugabuse.gov Fact sheet (April 2011)

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*“The average effective school-based program in 2002 costs \$220 per pupil including materials and teacher training, and these programs could save an estimated \$18 per \$1 invested if implemented nationwide.”*

Substance Abuse Prevention Dollars and Cents: A Cost-Benefit Analysis - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

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*“ Since 1991, drug use has been increasing [...] Today we are in a unique position to intervene effectively by applying the results of more than 20 years of prevention research. ”*

Preventing Drug Use Among Children and Adolescents:  
A Research-Based Guide. National Institute on Drug Abuse

# The need for Prevention

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***“Today, an estimated 150 million young people use tobacco [...] Half of those users will die prematurely as a result of tobacco use.”***

WHO Fact sheet (August 2011)

# The need for the Prevention Hub



# Why the Prevention Hub?

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# The Prevention Hub

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A focal point for sharing research,  
policy and best practice –  
the Prevention Hub builds  
networks and supports the  
global drug prevention community

# Prevention Hub



# Prevention Hub - Knowledge

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Online library  
containing latest  
research, news,  
policy and an Events  
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A guide to effective prevention and evaluated projects

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**SUPPORT**  
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**Links:**

[Original article: Medical Marijuana – Time for Parents to Step In - Join Together](#)

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The first US 'Above the Influence' Day, 18 October 2012

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# Ultimate Impact

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The promotion of the need for effective drug prevention

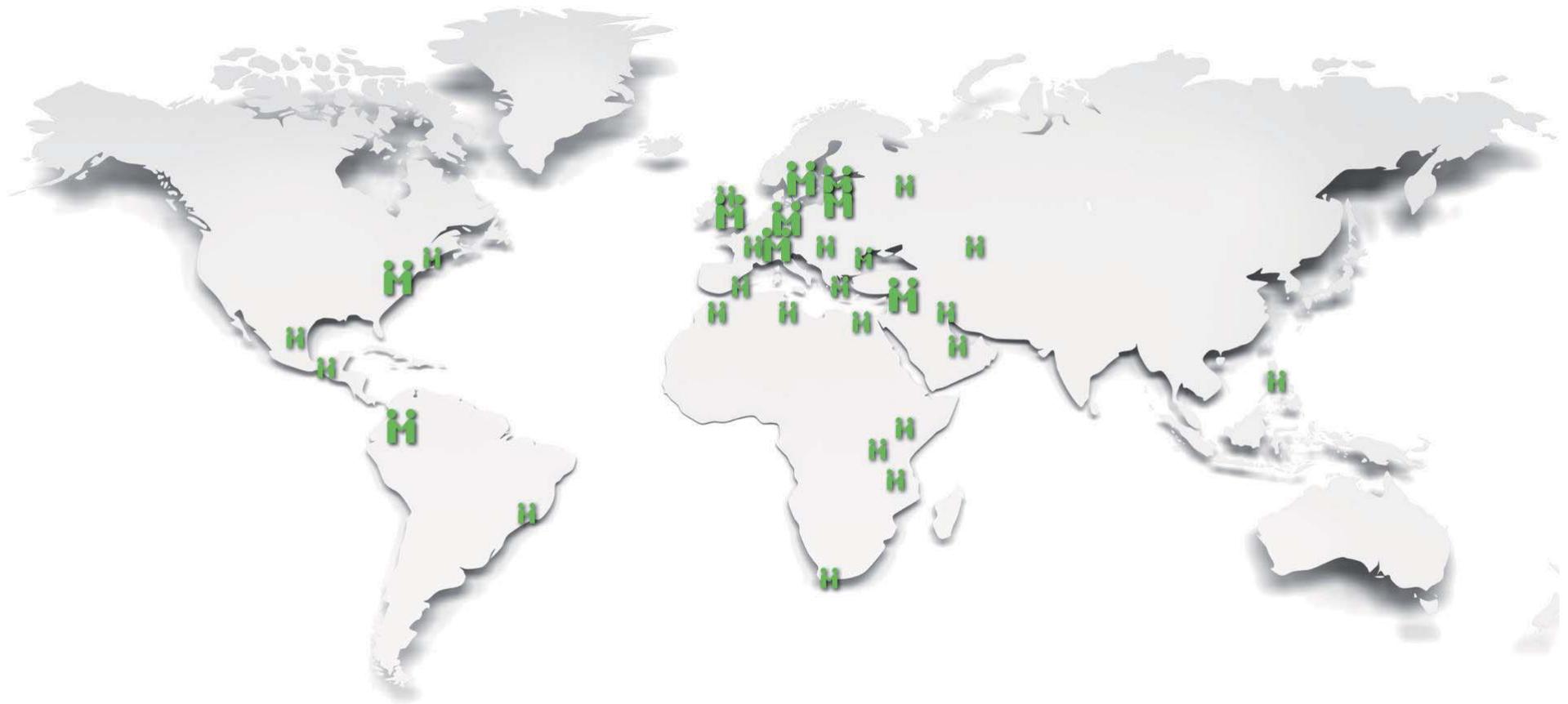


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## Global spread of effective practice



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Accessibility to the latest news and research from the field



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Appropriate training to workers on the ground



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Informed policy makers



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Science meets the practitioner – exchange that enables science to be delivered directly to practitioners and for practitioners to inform scientists



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Support to all 'ask any question'



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Ultimately - effective prevention being delivered to young people



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Latest Research and News From the World of Drug Abuse Prevention

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#### Links:

- [Commentary: Medical Marijuana – Time for Parents to Step In - Join Together](#)



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# Current Status



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## Who is working in Drug Abuse Prevention?

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**Summary**

Mentor is building a directory of organisations working in the field of Drug Prevention.

You can browse the directory by country using the map below, or by selecting one of the categories.

We will shortly begin accepting submissions to the directory. If you would like your organisation to be included, please email us at [info@mentorfoundation.org](mailto:info@mentorfoundation.org) and we'll notify you once submissions are open.



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- Send us details of your organisation and your work to be part of the Prevention Hub
- Comment on articles and research being published
- Send us research and learning from your areas of interest

## Feedback so far...

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*The Prevention Hub looks great, something the field needs and something that fits with all the other efforts being made internationally to move prevention science and evidence-based practice forward.*

-Zili Sloboda, Sc.D. Director, Research and Development JBS International. Inc.

*Thanks for the updates. Its true Parents need to be brought on Board for a successful drug use prevention programme!*

OTAL McBERNARD Executive Director Kawempe Youth Development Association

*My colleagues liked the idea of the prevention hub and connecting it to our activities and publications. Your prevention update is already a good publication: short, beefy and up-to-date.*

Gregor Burkhart, MD, MPH Senior scientific analyst < Prevention Interventions, best practice and scientific partners unit EMCDDA

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that helps the helpers in drug  
prevention safeguard our youth***