What is Needed Next

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Healthy Community Design Initiative (HCDI):

- Mission: To understand and improve the relationship between community design and public health through:
 - Surveillance
 - Health impact assessment and other mechanisms to improve policies
 - Research, evaluation and best practice dissemination

Supporting Policies for HIA

- Winnable battles (motor vehicle injuries, NPAO)
- Transportation policy recommendations

HHS

- National Prevention Strategy
- Healthy People 2020
- HHS/HUD
- The Surgeon General's Vision for a Healthy and Fit Nation

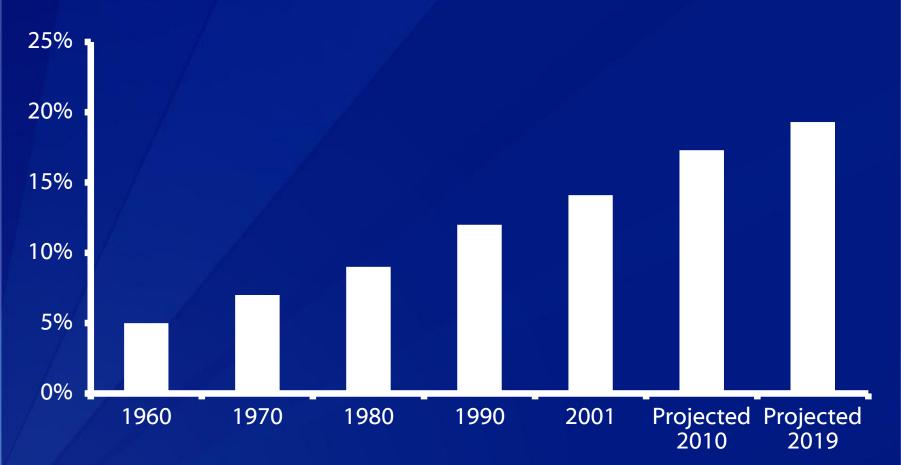
Other Departments

- Partnership for Sustainable Communities (EPA/HUD/DOT)
- NEPA

Administration

- Let's Move/Task for on Childhood Obesity
- America's Great Outdoors

Percent of U.S. GDP spent on Health Care



https://www.cms.gov/NationalHealthExpendData/25_NHE_Fact_Sheet.asp

A Vision for Health Impact Assessment

- HIA is a major part of an overall Health in All Policies movement
- HIA practice is incorporated into selection criteria and/or EIA
- Repositories of data exist that facilitate HIA
- Sector-specific tools are used that promote evidencebased practice
- Research on and for HIA is targeted to fill gaps
- Education, training, and practice guidance supports the diversity of HIA work

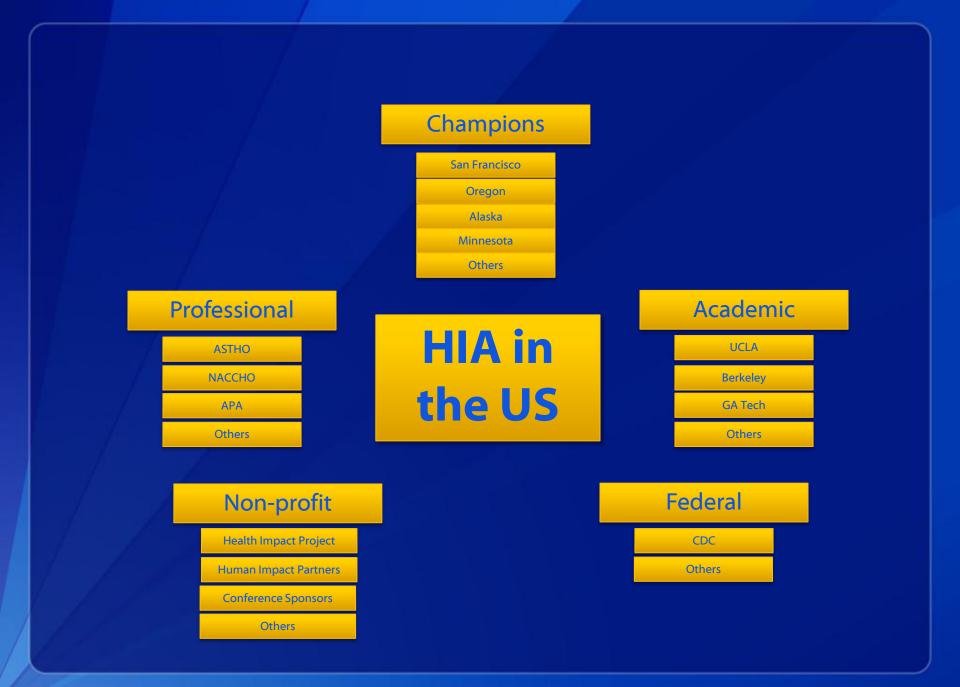
Current HIA work

- Cooperative agreement with 6 entities to train and conduct HIAs on built environment issues
 - At least 18 HIAs per year
 - 600 professionals trained per year
- National HIA conference
- Training and toolkit development, including on-line training module
- **Co-funded IOM report on HIA in the U.S.**
- Tracking HIAs with partners
- Supportive efforts surveillance, research translation
- Connecting with the initiatives and supportive policies

HIA in the US

Federal

CDC HCDI DNPAO Others





Overarching Needs

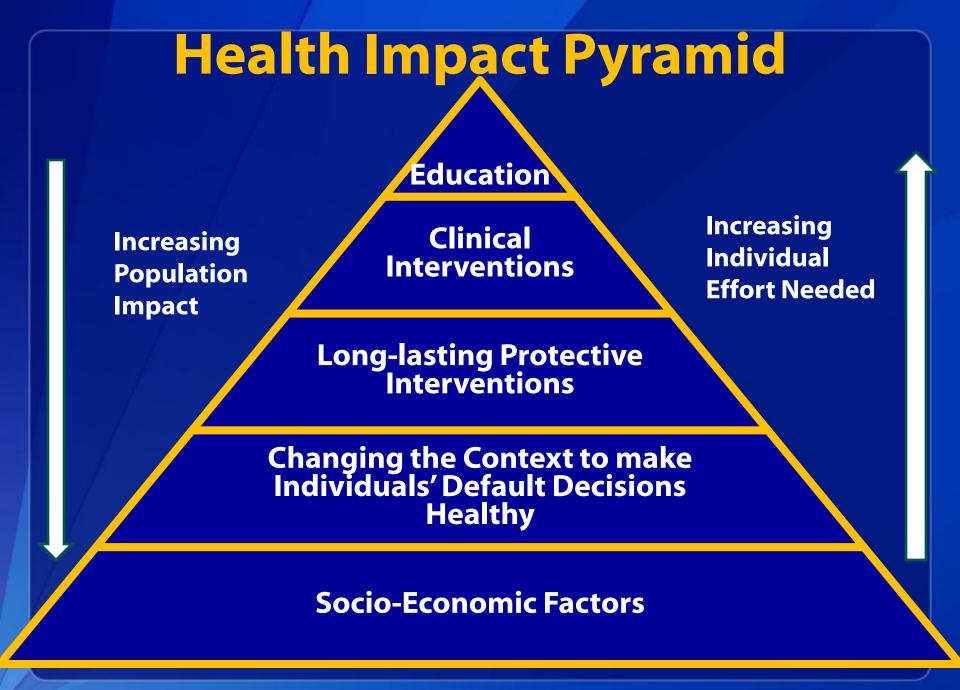
- People
- Resources
- Good Product

What we plan to do next

- Coordination internal and external
- Play our role in national strategy development
- Work to integrate HIA in other grants and programs
- Expand state and local HIA programs
- Develop sector-specific tools in community design
- Guidance for HIA practice
- Enhance education through partners
- Identifying and communicating best practices and successes
- Compile data for HIA work

What can you do?

- Try HIA
- Tell people about HIA
- Use your power as a decision-maker
- Stay with the science



Frieden, AJPH, 2010

Thank You

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