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What is the APHA?

- Non-profit public health organization
- 30,000 members worldwide
- 29 sections
- President: Carmen Rita Nevarez
- Executive Director: Georges C. Benjamin
- Annual Meeting and Exposition
- Several public health publications
What do they do?

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Can we become the healthiest nation?

Did you know? Americans live shorter lives and suffer more health problems than peers in other high-income countries.

Americans believe that we are the healthiest in the world...

...but we rank 34th in life expectancy.

When compared to other high-income countries the United States performs poorly on most measures of health, from infant mortality to obesity and chronic disease.
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Policy & Advocacy Issues

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- Transportation
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- School-based health care
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- Environmental public health
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Beginnings of a 3-year project with:

- Center for Public Health Policy
  - Strategize to implement public health policies
  - Focus on prevention and education
- Center for Health, School, and Education
  - Preventing dropout ***
  - Health and well-being
  - Hunger and obesity
  - School violence
Thank you!

Questions, comments, or remarks?