



Preparing for a Career in Injury & Violence Prevention
Midwest Injury Prevention Alliance
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When I grow up, I want to be an injury epidemiologist!

**“Public health is the constant
redefinition
of the unacceptable”**

Geoffrey Vickers

Careers in Injury & Violence Prevention

- *“Public health is what we, as a society, do collectively to assure the conditions in which (all) people can be healthy.”*
- -Institute of Medicine (1988), *Future of Public Health*

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- Attract staff with the shared mission, vision and purpose
- Build on the passion for prevention, social justice, right and wrong
- *“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, ... “*
- Cultivate diversity of perspective and approach; entertain discussion and argument in the cocoon of respect and honor
- Hire students and interns; entertain mobility assignments – increase exposure
- Recruit and hire from outside traditional or historical public health background – and then support training and ongoing education

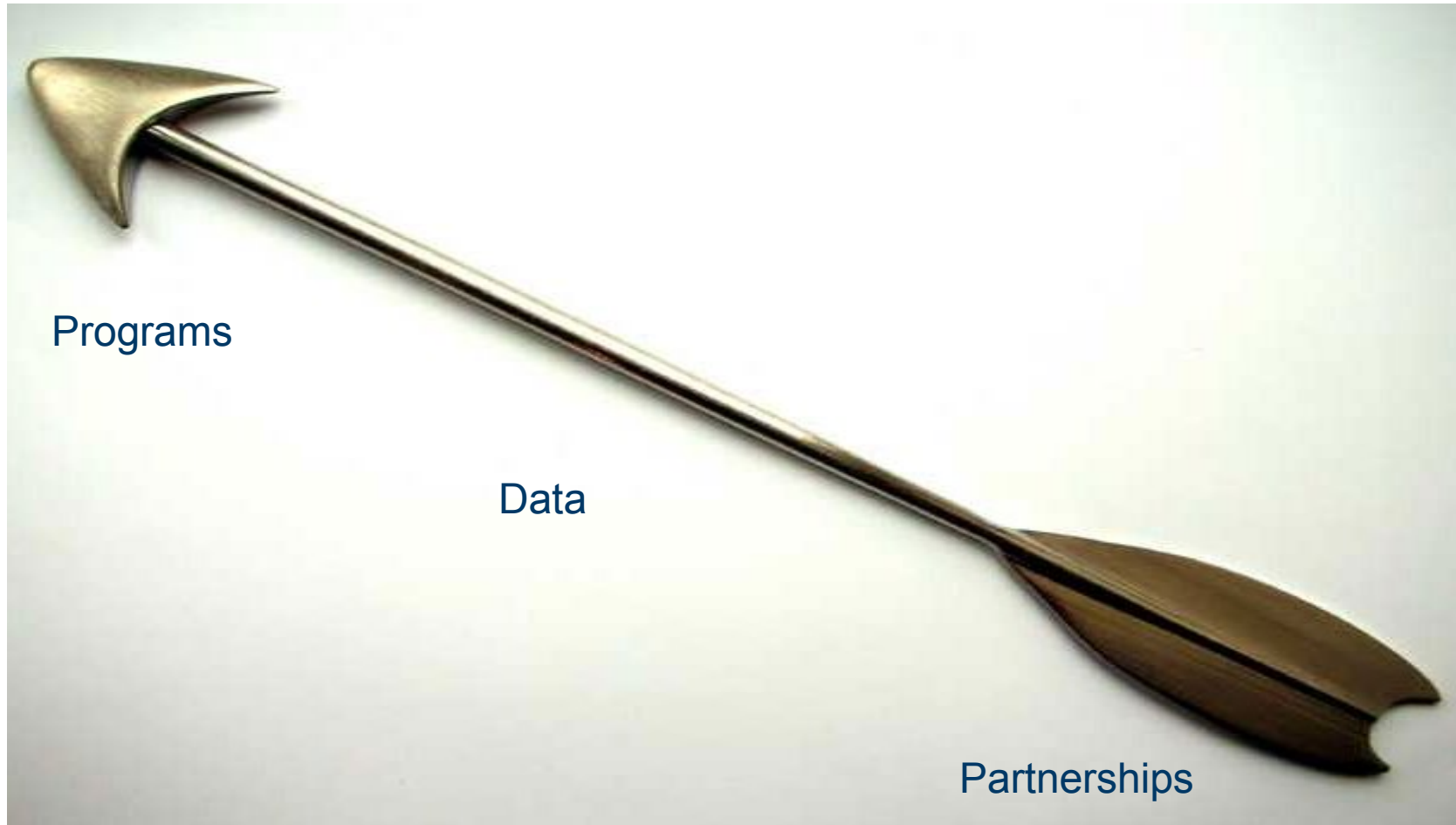
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- Be present – call, attend, email - Relationships are bi-directional
- Peers – depend upon!
- Partners (National, Tribal, within your state – NGO, state agencies, local public health, academia)
- Recruit, retain, train, expose, explore ... write and present
- Find the right seat on the Injury Prevention Bus ...

A Call to Mission & Vision

- Protect, maintain and improve the health of all Minnesotans (we might rewrite it as “*protect, preserve and promote*” in order to use the power of alliteration ...)
- The MDH vision is for health equity in Minnesota, where all communities thrive and all people have what they need to be healthy.
- [Visions and plans ...](#)

Making Injury & Violence Prevention Happen





Recommendations

- Develop, nurture, cultivate partnerships
- We sing harmony ... in a choir
- Our data alone (*Gasp!*) will not make prevention happen

Thank you!

- For further discussion & dialogue:

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