

## Xiaoyan's acceptance for the National Prevention Network Award of Excellence

"I am honored and humbled - I just did what I love to do and was supported by so many people on the way. The combination of social science and state-of-the-art information technology to build a data infrastructure for measuring performance, outcomes and accountability is a dream I hold dearly and have pursued for the past 10 years. I once learned that '*doing what you love is freedom and loving what you do is happiness*'. I am lucky to have both."

"This award is to all the people who supported me over the years, especially those from the field of prevention. For every state we worked with, there is a story behind it: from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, South Carolina, Washington, Rhode Island, Maine, Colorado, South Dakota, California, New York, Hawaii, and this year New Hampshire. These 13 states cover 42% of the United States' population."

"I would like to thank my colleagues at KIT Solutions who believed in me and dedicated their hard work and contributed their talent to make the vision a reality – and to my family, which supported me all the way."

"What have we learned in the past 10 years? The number one thing is to do the right thing right! It is so easy to say but so hard to do. The right way to do it is through a learning community. All states using the infrastructure are members of the community and they share their issues, ideas and solutions. I have learned a lot from all of the talented and dedicated people of the states that we serve. I am a student, a facilitator, and a cheerleader."

"What is my wish for the future? I, along with my company KIT Solutions, would like to work as a partner with both the state and the federal government. When working together with a shared vision, we can move the field of prevention and its data infrastructure to the next level."

"Finally, I would like to share with you what Winston Churchill once said that has inspired me, '*We make a living by what we get. But we make a life by what we give.*'"

"Thank you all."

