

Friends of NCHS: Helping to Build a 21st Century Health Statistical Agency

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The Road to Recovery

- NCHS lost purchasing power in real dollars
- Getting back to baseline with sustained, incremental increases
- Greater funding needed to sustain core programs and expand activities



Friends of NCHS: Moving the Needle

- Alliance of more than 200 organizations that support NCHS and the data it collects
- In 2009/2010
 - Letter to Transition Team
 - 50th Anniversary Reception for NHANES
 - Contact with administration; congressional appropriators

Result: Funding increases well above rate of inflation!



Building Momentum...

FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011 request
\$109	\$107	\$114	\$125	\$139	\$162 (!)



Winning Battles, Not the War

- FY 2010 increase restores and prevents some cuts to surveys—but few infrastructure improvements
- FY 2011 request, if appropriated, will help build a 21st Century health statistical agency



New Dawn, New Day

- Politics: Friendly Administration and Congress; champions reaching out and lining up
- Process: Expectation is appropriators will support President's request (though continuing resolution is imminent)
- Policy: Health care reform requires health data



What You Can Do

- Join the Friends of NCHS as an organizational supporter
- Stay informed
 - Subscribe to new NCHS Policy Brief (e-mail april.falconi@academyhealth.org)
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