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He is currently the chair of the National Tobacco Control Network, is a member of the National Chronic Disease Directors Association Tobacco Council and the Wellness and Workplace Committee, and has served the past seven years on the National Network on Tobacco Prevention and Poverty. He has presented on various topics at many national tobacco prevention and health promotion conferences and trainings.

His many community education activities include being an adjunct professor at several local West Virginia colleges. He is an injury prevention and safety awareness officer for little league baseball and other youth sports programs. For 35+ years he has volunteered as a youth sports official, referee, and umpire.

In his spare time, Bruce loves the outdoors, and he loves to hike, bike, and fish. Many days, it's very likely that you will find him on a baseball field at Nitro High School digging in the dirt or sculpting the grass!