



SPRC/AFSP Best Practices Registry for Suicide Prevention (BPR)



The purpose of the Best Practices Registry (BPR), located on the Suicide Prevention Resource Center website (www.sprc.org), is to identify, review, and disseminate information about best practices that address specific objectives of the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention*.

BPR Structure

The BPR has three sections. Each section includes different types of programs and practices reviewed according to criteria specific to that section. The sections do not represent "levels" of effectiveness. Fact sheets describing the approved programs and providing contact information for their materials are posted on the website. The BPR is not a comprehensive inventory of all suicide prevention initiatives, but a descriptive listing of reviewed programs.

Section I: Evidence-Based Programs lists interventions that have undergone rigorous evaluation and demonstrated positive *outcomes*. These programs are considered to be scientifically effective. Listings are from two sources:

- (1) SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP)
- (2) SPRC/AFSP's Evidence-Based Practices Project (which no longer conducts reviews)

Section II: Expert and Consensus Statements lists statements that summarize current knowledge in the field and provide "best practice" recommendations to guide program and policy development. These listings are general recommendations and guidelines, not specific programs.

Section III: Adherence to Standards lists awareness and outreach materials, educational and training programs, protocols, and policies whose content has been reviewed for accuracy, safety, likelihood of meeting goals and objectives, and adherence to prevention program guidelines. Being listed in this section means only that program *content* meets the stated criteria; these materials have not been reviewed for evidence of effectiveness (evidence-based programs are listed in Section I).

Submitting Materials for Review

Applications to Section I are made directly to NREPP, while materials for Sections II and III are submitted to the BPR. The SPRC website describes the review criteria and application instructions for each section.

Using the BPR

Program planners are encouraged to use the BPR in the context of a data-driven planning process. This process typically involves multiple stakeholders in assessing local needs, assets, and readiness and in choosing interventions that match local problems and circumstances. More advice about using the BPR is included on the SPRC website.

For More Information

Visit www.sprc.org for more information, including FAQs, review criteria for each section, application instructions, and fact sheets for approved programs.