

An Orientation to SPRC

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History of SPRC

- Goal 4.8 of the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention* called for “the development of a technical assistance and resource center to build capacity for states and communities to implement and evaluate suicide prevention programs.”

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- Established in 2002
 - Federally funded: managed by SAMHSA, operated by Health and Human Development Programs at the Education Development Center
 - ~18 FTEs (~24 EDC staff)
 - Facilitated regional planning conferences for all states
 - Developed numerous resources (e.g., website, library, evidence-based practices registry)
 - GLSMA signed into law 21 October 2004

Overall Goals of SPRC

- **Goal 1.** Enhance the size and capacity of the suicide prevention workforce
- **Goal 2.** Create a national network of communities of practice by connecting regional, state, and local networks, organizations, and practitioners engaged in suicide prevention
- **Goal 3.** Create and disseminate resources
- **Goal 4.** Support mechanisms for implementing the public health approach to suicide prevention
- **Goal 5.** Broaden participation in suicide prevention activities and integrate suicide prevention into existing activities and programs

SPRC Core Values

- A public health approach to prevention
- Collaborative, non-competitive partnerships
- Evidence-based practices
- Sensitivity to cultural context
- Seamless prevention services

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Who we work with

- Garrett Lee Smith Grantees

– State/Tribal: **36**

- Cohort I: 14
- Cohort II: 22

– Campus: **55**



- Non-grantee state suicide prevention coalitions and planning groups

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What we offer

- Technical assistance / Prevention support
- Training
- Information and resources

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What we offer to grantees

- Customized technical assistance (TA)
 - Prevention Specialists – phone, email, site visits
 - Build and maintain strong relationships through which technical assistance and other prevention support is provided
- Information sharing
 - Maintain profiles of each Grantee's activities
 - Facilitate peer-to-peer networking and communication among Grantees

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SPRC Training Institute

- Course offerings:
 - *Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Behavioral Health Professionals*
 - Discussion series
 - Online workshops
 - *Strategic Planning for Suicide Prevention*

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Information and Resources

- Multiple publications and other resources
 - SPRC Online Library
- Web pages for each of the 50 states, including contacts, data, and state suicide prevention plans
 - <http://www.sprc.org/stateinformation/index.asp>
- E-mail list:
 - *The Weekly Spark* – weekly newsletter
 - Various listservs:
 - <http://mailman.edc.org/mailman/listinfo/sprc>



If you are in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK

This Month Don't Miss...

SPRC to train 1300 Air Force personnel to assess and manage suicide risk
 The US Air Force has awarded SPRC a contract to conduct workshops on Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk at 45 Air Force installations around the world. Read [more](#).

SAMHSA AWARDS \$25.7 Million in Suicide Prevention Grants to Universities, States, Tribes
 SAMHSA has awarded 46 grants, totaling \$25.7 million to support a broad array of activities across the country to prevent suicide, including grants funded through appropriations under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act for youth suicide prevention. These most recent grants fund 34 campuses, nine states, and three tribal entities.

Louisiana and Mississippi to Receive \$2.4 million for Youth Suicide Prevention
 SAMHSA announced awards of \$2.4 million over three years to Louisiana and Mississippi to develop and implement statewide suicide prevention and early intervention activities to benefit youth who are adversely impacted by the hurricanes of one year ago.

New curriculum helps mental health professionals manage suicide risk
 SPRC and the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) announce a new workshop curriculum for mental health professionals and those working in EAP settings. The [one-day workshop](#) teaches competencies that are core to assessing and managing suicide risk.

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