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SPRC & AFSP Release the Online Registry of Evidence-Based Practices in Suicide Prevention

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) and The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) have completed development of an online registry of evidence-based suicide prevention programs. The registry of 14 programs represents an initial step in the collection and promotion of evidence-based suicide prevention programs and accomplishes Objective 10.3 of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. Decision-makers can use the registry as a source of objective and reliable information as they select programs to implement.

The registry is part of the Evidence-Based Practices Program (EBPP), which launched last spring. The goals of EBPP were to review evaluations of suicide prevention programs and classify them according to their demonstrated evidence.

Over the past year, a search was conducted for relevant evaluations of suicide prevention programs. Experts then reviewed each evaluation based on criteria developed by SPRC. Programs were classified as Effective or Promising, depending on the strength of each program's evaluation. Additional programs were included in the registry without classification if they were theoretically sound but not yet sufficiently evaluated.

Future reviews of suicide prevention programs will be conducted as part of The National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP), under the direction of the Science to Service Office, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. SPRC and AFSP will support NREPP by helping prepare program data for review.

The online registry of evidence-based suicide prevention programs is available on the SPRC website at <http://www.sprc.org/whatweoffer/ebp.asp>.

About SPRC

As the nation's first federally-funded suicide prevention resource center, SPRC supports communities with the best of science, skills and practice to prevent suicide. The Center provides prevention support, training, and resource materials to strengthen suicide prevention networks throughout the country and advance the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. The Center is supported by a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and is based at Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC), in Newton, MA. SPRC is a highly collaborative effort between EDC and its partners, which include the American Association of Suicidology, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the Suicide Prevention Action Network, and others.

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About the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is dedicated to advancing our knowledge of suicide and our ability to prevent it. The Foundation's activities include:

- Supporting research projects that help further the understanding and treatment of depression and the prevention of suicide
- Providing information and education about depression and suicide
- Promoting professional education for the recognition and treatment of depressed and suicidal individuals
- Publicizing the magnitude of the problems of depression and suicide and the need for research, prevention and treatment
- Supporting programs for suicide survivor treatment, research and education

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