

WHAT EXPERTISE DOES SPRC OFFER?

SPRC is staffed by experts in public health, mental health, communications, technology, education, training, program design and development, library science, and evaluation. SPRC builds on the knowledge and expertise of several other national resource centers housed at EDC, focused on mental health promotion, injury and violence prevention, and substance abuse prevention.

WHO ARE SPRC'S PARTNERS?

SPRC works closely with other national suicide awareness and prevention organizations, including the American Association of Suicidology (AAS), the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and the Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN USA). In addition, we partner with other organizations who are leaders in mental health, injury prevention, crisis counseling, screening, evaluation, and working with high-risk populations.

Believing that broad collaboration is key to advancing the National Strategy, together with these partners, SPRC develops new resources, provides training, and promotes suicide prevention.

SPRC is not a crisis center.

If you are thinking of hurting yourself, or if you are concerned that someone else may be suicidal, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255).

HOW TO CONTACT SPRC:

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WHAT IS THE SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER (SPRC)?

The nation's first and only federally funded suicide prevention resource center, SPRC advances the goals and objectives of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP). Supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), SPRC is operated by the Health and Human Development Programs division of Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC), in Newton, Massachusetts.

SPRC Goals:

- Help states and communities increase their capacity to develop, implement, and evaluate suicide prevention plans, interventions, and strategies
- Enhance suicide prevention partnerships
- Promote evidence-based practices
- Broaden participation in suicide prevention

WHY WAS SPRC CREATED?

More than 32,000 Americans die from suicide each year, yet only in the past decade has suicide been approached as a preventable public health problem. The National Strategy, released in 2001, provides a framework of specific goals and objectives for action to address suicide from a public health perspective. Objective 4.8 of the NSSP calls for the development of a technical assistance and resource center to build capacity for states and communities to implement and evaluate suicide prevention programs. SPRC was formed in 2002 to realize this goal.

WHOM DOES SPRC SERVE?

With its partners, SPRC serves individuals and groups working at the national, tribal, state, territorial, campus, and community levels, including:

- SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Grantees (*see below*)
- Health and human service professionals
- Community leaders
- Survivors and advocates
- Coalitions and prevention networks
- Prevention professionals
- Researchers
- Policymakers

SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Grantees:

In 2004, Congress authorized the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act to provide federal funds for states, territories, tribes, and colleges and universities working to prevent youth suicide. These grants are distributed through SAMHSA.

SPRC provides technical assistance—ongoing guidance and support for strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation of suicide prevention programs—to the grantees. Using a combination of tools and interactions, SPRC's prevention support staff works to increase each grantee's ability to implement effective suicide prevention programs; evaluate, document, and share successes; and sustain program progress throughout the grant and beyond.

For more information on SAMHSA's suicide prevention grantees, visit www.sprc.org/grantees/.

WHAT SERVICES DOES SPRC OFFER?

SPRC provides prevention support, training, and information resources to build capacity for suicide prevention, increase awareness, and promote collaboration.

- **Prevention support:** SPRC staff provides consultation to coalitions, agencies, and other organizations working in suicide prevention.
- **Best Practices Registry for Suicide Prevention:** This registry lists suicide prevention programs and practices that show evidence of effectiveness, provide expert guidance, or meet content standards.
- **Training Institute:** Curricula on a broad range of core suicide prevention competencies are available to prevention professionals, mental health clinicians, community organizers, and others.
- **Online library:** This collection of resources—many of which are available electronically in full text—includes suicide data fact sheets, program planning tools, information on suicide risk in specific populations, clinical guidelines, and more. Resources are added on an ongoing basis.
- **Website:** A centralized location for information on SPRC, new resources, state-by-state information, and trainings. The website also includes a calendar of events and links to other relevant websites.
- **E-newsletter:** *The Spark* highlights news headlines, funding and research updates, announcements from the field, and more.