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**National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's Prioritized Research Agenda featured as its own supplement in leading U.S. medical journal**

***American Journal of Preventive Medicine supplement serves as call-to-action for suicide prevention research community***

**Washington, DC**—Today the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* released a new groundbreaking supplement, "Expert Recommendations for U.S. Research Priorities in Suicide Prevention," to accompany its September issue. The supplement represents a subset of presentations made by suicide prevention experts to inform *A Prioritized Research Agenda for Suicide Prevention: An Action Plan to Save Lives* (Research Agenda), an initiative of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's Research Prioritization Task Force. Suicide prevention research experts from various discipline areas address the current state of the science in suicide prevention and recommend specific research priorities to inform suicide prevention efforts throughout the U.S.

The 24 articles cover a broad range of science that if implemented would help us understand how better to prevent suicide. Articles cover basic science regarding the neurobiological underpinnings of suicide through science related to the dissemination and implementation of prevention strategies. Drawing together topic experts from across the spectrum of suicide prevention research and asking them to consider and propose ways in which research could reduce the burden of suicide is promising for saving lives.

The supplement, like the Research Agenda itself, is intended to highlight the challenges to be addressed in suicide prevention research and to suggest future research directions that have the potential to reduce suicide attempts and deaths. The Research Agenda development process that engaged these experts required them to consider research gaps and go beyond their 'comfort zones,' particularly in areas that would affect their estimate of the public health impact of their research focus.

"Progress in the area of suicide prevention research will require interdisciplinary, collaborative science. In addition, translational science and interdisciplinary research collaboration ('team science') will be critical for advancing science and ultimately identifying effective prevention strategies," said Doryn Chervin, Dr.P.H., Executive Secretary of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention and Vice President and Senior Scientist at Education Development Center. "Likewise, coordinated, collaborative approaches to supporting research, including both public and private partners, can effectively advance the prevention of suicide prevention through cross-cutting and interactive research."

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**The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention** ([www.ActionAllianceforSuicidePrevention.org](http://www.ActionAllianceforSuicidePrevention.org)) is the public-private partnership working to advance the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and make suicide prevention a national priority. Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC) operates the Secretariat for the Action Alliance, which was launched in 2010 by former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates with the goal of saving 20,000 lives in five years. Contact: Eileen Sexton, Director of Communications, 202-572-5383, [esexton@edc.org](mailto:esexton@edc.org).

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