

Leading a Unified Effort for Suicide Prevention

The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention (Action Alliance) is a nonpartisan, independent, public-private national partnership for suicide prevention. The Action Alliance brings together the best thinking and resources from the public and private sectors to steward and advance the goals and objectives of the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (National Strategy)*—the roadmap for a comprehensive approach to preventing suicide.

In its role as a steward for the *National Strategy*, the Action Alliance is responsible for setting a shared vision and approach for identifying and coordinating opportunities to build, scale, and strengthen the national response to suicide.

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Strategic Priorities

These five **Strategic Priorities** will direct our focus.

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Progress, Accountability, and Data

Develop and launch a framework for tracking progress on *National Strategy* and Action Alliance accountability measures. This will include collaboration with partners to better inform responsive prevention efforts.



Research

Promote expansion of research and ensure Action Alliance initiatives are grounded in science.



Crisis Care Continuum

Bolster momentum for improvements in response to behavioral health crises in and beyond the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline system.



Effective Suicide Prevention in Healthcare

Advance focused, effective solutions that scale within and across health systems.



Messaging and Communications

Develop, disseminate, and align the field around research-informed messages to spur change.



How We Work

No one organization can address suicide in isolation. It is only through collaboration and the cross-pollination of expertise, ideas, and connections that sustainable and wide-reaching change can occur. Suicide is not solely a mental health concern, but a larger public health issue with many contributing factors. As such, suicide prevention requires a coordinated, comprehensive national response that engages every sector of society to do its part—to reduce risk and strengthen factors at the individual, relationship, community, and societal levels that help keep us safe before, during, and after a crisis.

Working with public and private partners, the Action Alliance has the unique ability to engage and unify passionate organizations and leaders in all sectors to collaborate toward a national and comprehensive approach to suicide prevention. The Action Alliance Executive Committee (EXCOM), advisory groups, and working groups guide and support its work. In addition, many other individuals and organizations contribute to the work of the Action Alliance in various ways.

How the Work is Supported

Launched in 2010, the Action Alliance receives both public and private support for its initiatives. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), through the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) grant, provides funding to the Education Development Center (EDC) to operate and manage the staffing backbone, or Secretariat, for the Action Alliance.



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