



## ABOUT THE ACTION ALLIANCE

### VISION

The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention envisions a nation free from the tragic experience of suicide.

### MISSION

To advance the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention* (NSSP) by:

- Championing suicide prevention as a national priority
- Catalyzing efforts to implement high priority objectives of the NSSP
- Cultivating the resources needed to sustain progress

### LEADERSHIP

**Public Sector Co-Chair**, The Honorable John M. McHugh,  
Secretary of the Army

**Private Sector Co-Chair**, The Honorable Gordon H. Smith,  
President and CEO, National Association of Broadcasters

### ORGANIZATION

**Executive Committee (EXCOM)**: Leaders from the public and private sector.

**Secretariat**: Supports the work of the Action Alliance; housed at the national Suicide Prevention Resource Center.

**Advisory Groups**: The National Council for Suicide Prevention, the Federal Working Group for Suicide Prevention, and ad hoc advisory groups.

**Task Forces**: American Indian/Alaska Native, Clinical Care and Intervention, Clinical Workforce Preparedness, Data and Surveillance, Faith Communities, LGBT Populations, Military/Veterans, National Strategy Revision/Update, Public Awareness and Education, Research Prioritization, Workplace, Suicide Attempt Survivors, Survivors of Suicide Loss, and Youth in Contact with Juvenile Justice System.

## HISTORY OF THE ACTION ALLIANCE

2001

**The NSSP is published**: This document calls for the establishment of a public-private partnership to oversee its implementation.

2010

**The Action Alliance is launched**: The Action Alliance is launched on World Suicide Prevention Day and the EXCOM convenes for the first time. The *Charting the Future of Suicide Prevention* report is published, highlighting accomplishments and providing recommendations to advance suicide prevention efforts.

2011

**The Action Alliance grows its Executive Committee and establishes several task forces to catalyze change**: The Action Alliance's Clinical Care and Intervention Task Force releases "Suicide Care in Systems Framework", a report containing recommendations for every health and behavioral health plan and provider for addressing suicide prevention. The Action Alliance engages the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services in conversations to integrate suicide prevention into health care reform.

2012

**The Action Alliance continues to work on major initiatives**.  
See reverse side for the Action Alliance's current initiatives.

# MAJOR ACTION ALLIANCE INITIATIVES

The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention is advancing the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention*. Below are some examples of the exciting initiatives the Action Alliance is working on:



## **Significantly expanding support for suicide prevention.**

The Action Alliance has brought together more than 200 diverse organizations, many of which are new to the suicide prevention movement.



## **Revising the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP)*.**

The Action Alliance is working with leaders in suicide prevention to complete the first major revision to NSSP in more than ten years.



## **Developing a first-ever prioritized suicide prevention research agenda.**

The Action Alliance will soon release an agenda to prioritize research with the greatest potential to save lives.



## **Preparing the clinical workforce to care for suicidal individuals.**

The Action Alliance is developing training guidelines to equip clinicians with knowledge and skills to effectively support suicidal individuals.



## **Transforming healthcare delivery for individuals at highest risk for suicide.**

The Action Alliance has recruited several “early adopters” from healthcare systems to participate in a breakthrough collaborative to transform care to prevent suicide.



## **Making strides towards incorporating suicide prevention into healthcare reform.**

The Action Alliance is working with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure that suicide prevention practices are integrated into healthcare reform.



## **Advancing suicide prevention for military, veterans, and their families.**

The Action Alliance is promoting and implementing awareness and prevention efforts for military, veterans, and their families.



## **Enhancing suicide prevention within the juvenile justice system.**

The Action Alliance is working with leaders in the juvenile justice system – in which suicide is the leading cause of death – to expand prevention research and programming.



## **Promoting suicide prevention in the workplace to CEOs by developing a comprehensive business case.**

The Action Alliance is working with business leaders to prevent suicide among working-aged adults, the population with the most suicides per year.

**To stay informed on the latest activities of the Action Alliance, visit [www.ActionAllianceForSuicidePrevention.org](http://www.ActionAllianceForSuicidePrevention.org) and sign up for the Action Alliance newsletter.**