

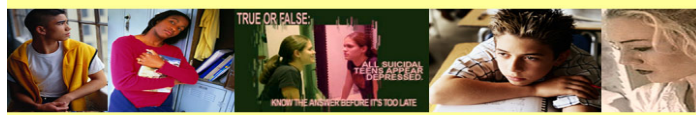
# Suicide Prevention: A National Imperative on the Move

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## Magnitude of the Problem



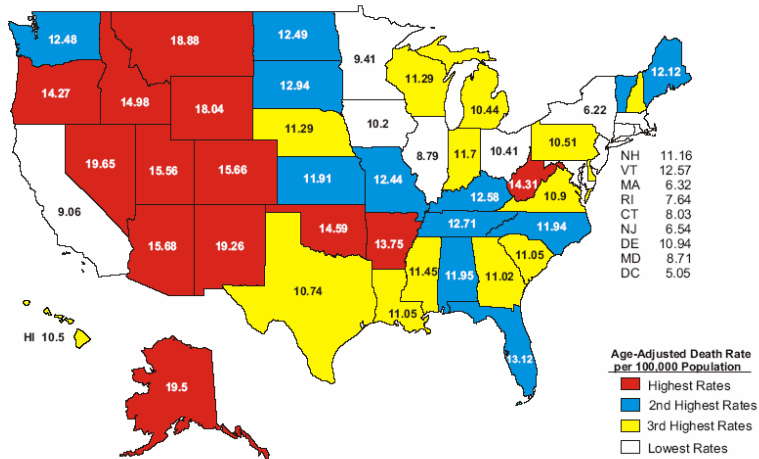
- 31,655 deaths by suicide in 2002
- 17,638 deaths by homicide in 2002
- 1 person every 17 minutes, 87 per day
- 11<sup>th</sup> ranking cause of death in U.S.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death for youth 15-24
- 4:1 male to female

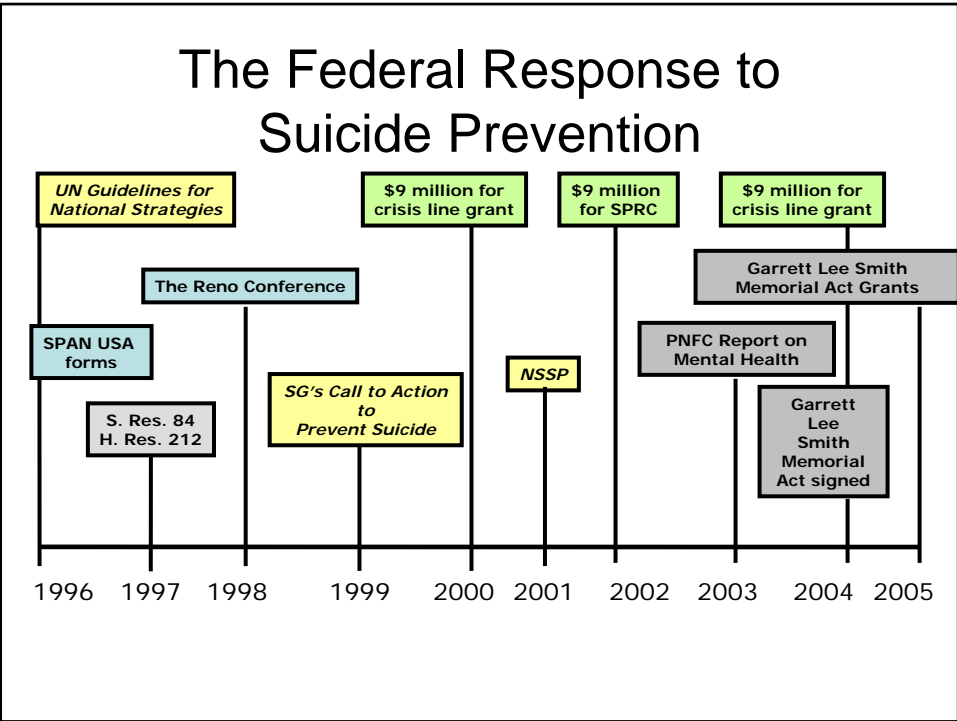
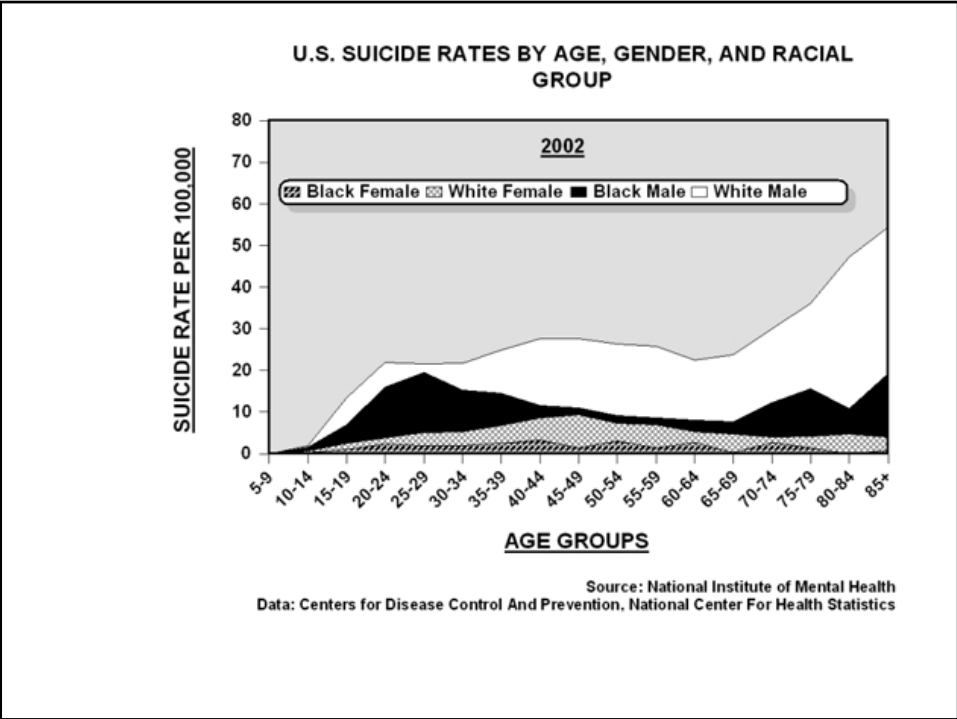
## Ranking of Suicide – Select Age Groups (United States, 2002)

|   | 5 - 14                            | 15-24                             | 25-44                  | 45-64                             |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Unintentional Injuries            | Unintentional Injuries            | Unintentional Injuries | Malignant Neoplasms               |
| 2 | Malignant Neoplasms               | Homicide                          | Malignant Neoplasms    | Heart Disease                     |
| 3 | Congenital Anomalies              | <b>Suicide</b>                    | Heart Disease          | Unintentional Injuries            |
| 4 | Homicide                          | Malignant Neoplasms               | <b>Suicide</b>         | Cerebro-vascular                  |
| 5 | <b>Suicide</b>                    | Heart Disease                     | Homicide               | Diabetes Mellitus                 |
| 6 | Heart Disease                     | Congenital Anomalies              | HIV                    | Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease |
| 7 | Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease | Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease | Liver Disease          | Liver Disease                     |
| 8 | Septicemia                        | HIV                               | Cerebro-vascular       | <b>Suicide</b>                    |

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2002

### Suicide Death Rates United States, 2000-2002







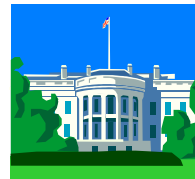
## 2006 Legislative Update



- Labor, HHS, & Education Conference Report
  - Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act funding (state & campus grants, SPRC)
  - Suicide Prevention Lifeline
  - Mental health screening demonstrations
- Senate Labor/HHS Appropriations Report
  - NSSP & Action Alliance
  - Language re: NIH & CDC

## The Executive Branch

- New Freedom Commission Report on Mental Health
- Program Support – NIH, SAMHSA, CDC, HRSA, IHS, DVA, DOD, Education, Justice
- President's budget includes suicide prevention
- SAMHSA's Mental Health Action Agenda
- Research Support
- Evaluation



## The Suicide Prevention Community Must Fly in Formation



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