

**On the Front Lines: Addressing
Stress, Trauma & Suicide Prevention
in Community Responders**

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**Intra-agency Initiatives to
Address Intentional Self
Injuries and Suicide
Prevention in Alabama**

**Suicide Prevention and
Awareness in the ADPH
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**Past, Current, and
New Programs**

- Alabama Youth Suicide Prevention and Awareness Program
- Alabama Child Death Review System
- Alabama Violent Death Reporting System

Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Grants

- Youth suicide prevention grants
- Named for son of Sen. Gordon Smith
- Administered by SAMHSA
- Three types of GLS grants
 - State
 - Tribal
 - College and University Campus
- Three-year grant cohorts (now five-year)

**Alabama Youth Suicide Prevention
and Awareness Program**

- Funded by SAMHSA as GLS Program
- 3-Year Cycle (now 5 years)
 - Year 1 = August 2012 – July 2013
 - Year 2 = August 2013 – July 2014
 - Year 3 = August 2014 – January 2016 *

Alabama Youth Suicide Prevention and Awareness Program

- **Funded Prevention and Awareness Activities**
 - Statewide Outreach
 - Regionalized Training
 - Resource Development

Program Sub-grantees

- ASPARC
- UAB Counseling and Wellness Center
- Birmingham Crisis Center
- Family Counseling Center of Mobile
- Crisis Services of North Alabama
- Family Sunshine Center (later)

Alabama GLS History

- Unsuccessful applications 2009 and prior
- 2011 application recommended, but unfunded
- 2012 invitation to re-submit
- Awarded August 2012
 - Year 1 = August 2012 – July 2013
 - Year 2 = August 2013 – July 2014
 - Year 3 = August 2014 – July 2015*

Major Program Goals

- Statewide awareness efforts
- QPR Gatekeeper training
- Lifelines training in schools
- Crisis hotlines
- Faith-based initiatives
- Resource guides
- Original outreach materials

Alabama Child Death Review System

- Established by Alabama law in 1997
- In-depth local reviews with state oversight
- Reviews Alabama deaths <18 years old
- Analyzes data and identifies trends
- Recommends prevention strategies
- Develops prevention efforts
- Produces outreach materials
- Publishes findings and recommendations
- Contributes to National CFRP Database

National Violent Death Reporting System

- CDC program established in 2002
- Currently in 42 states *
- Collects and analyzes data for:
 - Homicides
 - Suicides
 - Certain categories of unintentional injury deaths

National Violent Death Reporting System

- Utilizes information from:
 - Death certificates
 - Coroner / medical examiner reports
 - Law enforcement reports
 - Crime laboratories

Alabama Violent Death Reporting System

- New program in Alabama for FY2017
- 5-year CDC grant (pilot for year 1)
- Collect and collate Alabama data
- Submit AVDRS data to CDC / NVDRS
- Identify Alabama trends
- Publish findings and recommendations