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## National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention

### Focus: Preventing Suicide

Suicide is a serious and preventable public health problem. It does not discriminate and can affect people without regard to age, income, education, social



standing, race or gender. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death for all Americans, the second leading cause of death for adults ages 25 to 34 and the third leading cause of death for youth ages 15 to 24.

As the largest facilities-based behavioral health provider in the country, UHS behavioral health facilities treat patients of all ages and offer specialized programs dedicated to suicide. In 2013, UHS became an affiliate of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention. The alliance is a public-private partnership dedicated to advancing a national strategy for suicide prevention by championing suicide prevention as a national priority and cultivating resources to sustain progress in reducing the number of lives lost to suicide.

Among the leaders of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention are The Honorable John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army, who acts as the public sector co-chair, and The Honorable Gordon H. Smith, President and CEO, National Association of Broadcasters, who serves as the private sector co-chair. They are joined by an executive committee that includes representatives from private business, healthcare organizations, suicide prevention councils, the National Institute of Mental Health, the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Surgeon General of the United States, the National League of Nursing, The Joint Commission and the Centers for Disease Control, among others.

Working together with the Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, we will look to implement the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention to accomplish the ultimate goal of eliminating suicide.

**[Learn more about the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention >](#)**

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