

# Help Achieve Policy Change!

- ◆ In 2007, the Joshua Omvig **Veterans Suicide Prevention Act** became law.
- ◆ In 2006, youth suicide prevention was **fully funded** at \$26.7 million.
- ◆ In 2004, the **Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act** became law.
- ◆ In 2001, the federal government released the **National Strategy for Suicide Prevention**.
- ◆ In the late 1990s, the U.S. **House and Senate passed resolutions** recognizing suicide as a national problem.

◆ **ADVOCACY IN ACTION WORKS!**

◆ **CHANGE HAPPENS!**

*Opening Minds.*

*Changing Policy.*

*Saving Lives.*

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## **SPAN USA's 13th Annual Event: 2008 Legislative Institute "Achieving Change Through Action"**

Tuesday & Wednesday February 26th-27th, 2008  
Washington, DC

### ***Don't wait! Register now!***

Early Registration Deadline is December 15, 2007

Regular Registration Deadline is January 31, 2008

**More information visit: [www.spanusa.org/2008event](http://www.spanusa.org/2008event)  
or call 202-449-3600**

### **Schedule**

#### **Tuesday, 2/26**

#### **Training Day**

- Suicide Prevention Nationally & Locally
- Field Liaison Roundtable
- SPAN USA Awards Luncheon
- SPAN USA Public Policy Priorities
- Preparation for Hill Visits
- Evening DC Bus Tour (*Optional/Extra Fee*)

#### **Wednesday, 2/27**

#### **Hill Day**

- Tour the Capitol Building
- Visits with Elected Officials on the Hill
- Lunch on the Hill
- Friend for Life Reception

*Help us spread the word that  
prevention is possible.*

*Let your voice be heard!!*

