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Suicide Prevention Action Network USA Launches New Grassroots Tool

State Pages Resource Launched at www.spanusa.org/states

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 15, 2007 The Suicide Prevention Action Network USA (SPAN USA) today announced a new Web page with information for how advocates in each state can work to prevent suicide in their community at: www.spanusa.org/states.

SPAN USA Executive Director Jerry Reed said the information on the new Web page would be an important tool for advocates and volunteers to connect and coordinate their efforts.

“By using the information on each state page, everyone can see what is happening in his or her own state, in nearby states, take action on current issues and connect with other suicide prevention advocates in the local community,” Reed said. “This is just one more resource for people to have the greatest local impact.”

The release of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention in 2001 led to the organization of many of the state and local suicide prevention efforts listed here.

The following information can be found on each individual state page:

- Primary suicide contacts, local Suicide Prevention Resource Center contact information, elected officials and media outlets;
- Facts and data, including state suicide prevention plans, websites, data from the National Violent Death Reporting System;
- SPAN USA Contacts, including Field Liaisons and Quilt Organizers;
- Current news and legislation; and
- State and local suicide prevention and support groups.

NOTE: To add information to a specific state page, please email: info@spanusa.org.

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SPAN USA is the nation's only suicide prevention organization dedicated to leveraging grassroots support among suicide survivors and others to advance public policies that prevent suicide. Since its founding in 1996, SPAN USA has led the drive to make suicide a public health priority by building political will and calling for the development and implementation of a national strategy for suicide prevention. Using its extensive grassroots network of survivors and advocates, SPAN USA has actively promoted the cause on Capitol Hill and in state legislatures. For more information, please visit www.spanusa.org.

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