

# Suicide Facts & Figures: Georgia 2018

## Suicide Prevention Programs and Initiatives

- Georgia's Suicide Prevention Program (SPP, <https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/suicide-prevention>) was created by statute (§37-1-27) and is managed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Division of Mental Health. Georgia law requires the Suicide Prevention Program to coordinate with and receive technical assistance from the Department of Public Health to support data collection, research and outreach efforts.
- Georgia's updated statewide suicide prevention plan covers the years 2015-2022. Titled Suicide Safer Communities in Georgia - 2015 Georgia Strategy for Suicide Prevention: Goals and Objectives for Action, it can be found online at <http://www.sprc.org/sites/default/files/GA%20SuicidePreventionPlan%202015%20FINAL.pdf>.
- Georgia's statewide Crisis & Access Line 1-800-715-4225 provides mental health and substance abuse services and information, among others. Visit [www.mygal.com](http://www.mygal.com).
- Georgia law (§37-1-27) encourages suicide prevention training and the provision of minimal screening tools for clergy and correctional workers.
- Georgia law (§20-2-779.1, The Jason Flatt Act - Georgia) requires all certificated public school personnel to receive annual training in suicide awareness and prevention. The law also requires each local school system to adopt a policy on student suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention and the Department of Education to establish a model policy for use by local school systems. A list of approved trainings for public school personnel can be found on [https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/sites/dbhdd.georgia.gov/files/related\\_files/site\\_page/NREPP%20EB%20Programs\\_Resource%20List%20Final.pdf](https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/sites/dbhdd.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/NREPP%20EB%20Programs_Resource%20List%20Final.pdf).

## Get Involved

The **AFSP Georgia Chapter** brings together people of all backgrounds in communities throughout the state to fight suicide. We help fund research, offer educational programs, advocate for public policy and support those affected by suicide.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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### Become an Advocate

AFSP's Georgia advocacy volunteers build relationships with public officials and advocate on behalf of sound suicide prevention policy.

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