Advancing Basic Research to Inform the Science of Suicide

A CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING ORGANIZED BY THE American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and American Psychological Association

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The rate of Americans dying by suicide is rising, and it is now:

• The second-leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 34.
• The tenth-leading cause of death among people in the United States.

Psychological science has made key contributions to the prevention and treatment of suicide, however, gaps still exist in our fundamental understanding of the underpinnings of suicide. The National Science Foundation supports basic research including in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences that is improving our understanding of such factors. The speakers, leading psychological scientists with expertise in research on suicide, will address questions such as:

• What do we know about the science of suicide?
• Where are the knowledge gaps?
• What are the research opportunities?
• How will basic research and psychological science help move us forward?

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SPEAKERS
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