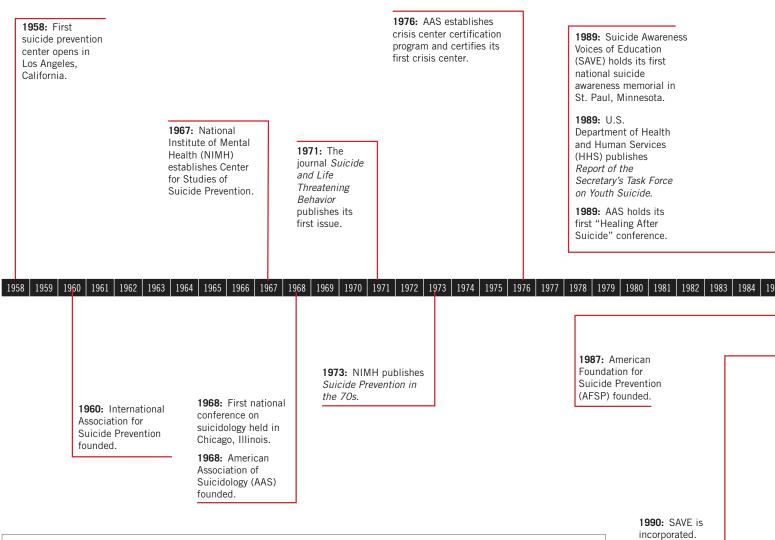
Appendix C: Brief History of Suicide Prevention in the United States

NATIONAL MILESTONES IN SUICIDE PREVENTION



Suicide prevention efforts in the United States started in the 1950s, through the pioneering efforts of a small group of dedicated clinicians interested in better understanding suicide and its prevention. These early efforts were expanded upon in the 1980s with the support and passion of individuals who had been bereaved by a suicide loss. With limited funding and formal organization, these individuals and their grassroots organizations set out to place suicide on the national agenda. Their combined efforts over time culminated with the release of the 2001 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. These dedicated advocates, organizations, and communities have remained at the forefront of suicide prevention activities nationwide.

1992: Centers for Disease Control	1997: The Jason Foundation, Inc. is founded. 1997: Congress passes S. Res. 84 and H. Res. 212 recognizing suicide as a national problem; CDC establishes	1997: Organization for Attempters and Survivors of Suicide in Interfaith Service (OASSIS) founded.	empters and irs of Suicide faith Services		e 2005: SAMHSA launches National Suicide Preventior Lifeline (800–273 TALK/8255). 2003: President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health publishes Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in		e. 2010: SPRC and SPAN USA/AFSP publish Charting the Future of Suicide Prevention: A 2010 Progress Review of the National Strategy and Recommendations for the Decade Ahead.	
and Prevention (CDC) publishes Youth Suicide Prevention Programs: A Resource Guide.	National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. 1995: Lifekeeper Foundation founded.							
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1996: Suici Prevention / Network US USA) found 1996: World Organization United Nati publish Pre of Suicide: Guidelines of Formulation	Advocacy A (SPAN ed. I Health a and pons report on suicide among Native For the	1998: Suicid Resear Univer Nevad 2 F f f ishes 2 S M N I C Orce	CDC funds e Prevention rch Center at rsity of		 2002: SAMHSA establishes national Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC). 2002: Institute of Medicine releases <i>Reducing Suicide: A</i> <i>National Imperative.</i> 2002: The first Out of the Darkness Overnight walk held. 		2011: The Department of Defense establishes the Defense Suicide Prevention office rral (DSPO)	