A Few Suicide Prevention Resources for Clergy

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255). This is a 24/7 lifeline available free to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. There are specific helps for Veterans and Spanish speakers.

The Trevor Project: 1-866-4U-TREVOR, a national 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention hotline aimed at gay and questioning youth.

Suicide Prevention Resource Center: website offers many resources, including publications and training opportunities (conference and webinars). The SPRC library has a section with materials related to faith-based settings. Included are: The role of faith community leaders in preventing suicide and After a suicide: Recommendations for religious services and other public memorial observances.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: numerous online resources for talking about suicide in various situations, including a number of resources on how to survive a suicide loss.

American Association of Suicidology: lots of resources for clinicians including DVDs, and webinars. One of the helpful resources on the AAS website is statistics for suicide. They have fact sheets and statistics.

Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN): is an activist group that provides some helpful statistics and fact sheets as well as links to suicide/mental health issues in the news.

SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) exists to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

National Institute of Mental Health has a number of resources for suicide prevention including a brochure entitled Suicide in America: Frequently Asked Questions.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI): is an advocacy organization that is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. Be sure to look up a valuable resource for consumers, providers and family members on what to do following a suicide attempt.

World Health Organization (WHO) on suicide has statistics and information for the world and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has statistics and information for the U.S.

Resources

Bolton, I., with Mitchell, C. (1983). My Son...My Son... A Guide to Healing After Death, Loss, or Suicide Atlanta: Bolton


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From a Jewish perspective


From a Christian perspective


Several published church positions on suicide:
- [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#) (paragraphs 2280-2283)
- [The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) (1999/2003)
- [The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America](#)
- A 2008 [interfaith statement](#) called “A Consensus Statement on Suicide and Suicide Prevention” which was generated through an interfaith dialogue, which included Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim faith communities. This document is part of the Suicide Prevention Resource Center. (2009). *The role of faith communities in preventing suicide: A report of an Interfaith Suicide Prevention Dialogue*. Newton, MA: Education Development Center, Inc.
- The [United Church of Christ](#) 22nd General Synod (1999) produced a statement on the “Prevention of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth Suicide,”