



Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act (GLSMA)

Since inception, the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act (GLSMA) has supported 370 youth suicide prevention grants in 50 states, 46 tribes or tribal organizations, and 175 institutions of higher education.

Introduced by Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) in the Senate and Representative David Jolly (R-FL) in the House, **S. 1299 and H.R. 938, the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Reauthorization of 2015**, renews the commitment to critically important youth and college suicide prevention programs administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, as well as strengthens those programs, ensuring they are best designed to meet the needs of those they are intended to serve. The Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Reauthorization would continue the following efforts:

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center

Ensures grantees receive appropriate information, training, and technical assistance on:

- Developing and implementing of cost-effective early intervention programs;
- Identifying and understanding the causes and associated risk factors for suicide;
- Surveying suicidal behavior and nonfatal suicide attempts; and
- Evaluating and disseminating outcomes and best practices of mental health and substance use disorder services.

Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Strategy Grants to States and Tribes

Provides States, Tribes/Tribal organizations the authorization to develop and implement:

- Early intervention, assessment, and treatment services;
- Information and awareness campaigns;
- Tools to evaluate intervention and prevention practices and strategies;
- Training programs for providers and child care professionals;

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services and Outreach on Campus

Enables colleges and universities to prevent youth suicide by authorizing:

- Educational and outreach activities on suicide prevention;
- The development and implementation of evidence-based and emerging best practices;
- The provision of mental health and substance use disorder services, including prevention, promotion of mental health, and voluntary screening; and
- The employment and training of personnel.

