

National Legislation

- House Bill 5674 The week of May 14th, the House of Representatives is expected to vote on H.R. 5674, the VA MISSION Act of 2018. This legislation would expand caregiver benefits to pre-9/11 veterans as well as begin a major reform to strengthen the VA health care system.
- House Bill 2345 H.R. 2345 is a bipartisan bill asking the FCC and SAMHSA to study the designation of a 3-digit dialing code for a suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system.

AFSP Nationally

- AFSP is working with ZERO Suicide to develop training programs and material for physicians.
- We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the American Council of Emergency Physicians to develop training programs for Emergency Room Doctors and Staff.
- Working with the National Commission on Correctional Health to develop training.
- Working with the National Shooting Sport Foundation regarding safe storage and gun safety. The approach is to reach out to gun shops, ranges and gun shows.

State Legislation:

- SB 1101 Summary: Would require the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission on or before January 1, 2020, to establish 5 statewide objectives for the treatment and prevention of mental illness and metrics by which progress towards each of those objectives may be measured. Beginning January 1 2021, would require counties to annually submit a report to the commission and the Legislature by the end of each fiscal year that documents progress towards the statewide objectives.
- SB 1004 Summary: Would require the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission on or before January 1, 2020, to establish priorities for the use of prevention and early intervention funds and to develop a statewide strategy for monitoring implementation of prevention and early intervention services, including enhancing public understanding of prevention and early intervention and creating metrics for assessing the effectiveness of how prevention and early intervention funds are used and the outcomes that are achieved.
- SB 1113 Summary: Would authorize the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to establish a framework and develop voluntary standards for mental health in the workplace that serves to reduce mental health stigma, increase public, employee and employer awareness of the recovery goals of the MHSA, and provide guidance to California's employer community to put in place strategies and programs, determined by the commission, to support the mental health and wellness of employees.
- SB 972 Summary: Would require public schools, including charter schools, or private schools that serves pupils in any grades 7-12, inclusive, that issue pupil identification cards to have printed on the back of the student identification card the telephone number for the suicide prevention hotline. The bill would require a public or private institution of higher education that issues student identification cards to have printed on the back of the student identification card the telephone number for the suicide prevention hotline.
- AB 2390 Summary: Commencing 7/1/2019, this bill would require public schools, including charter schools, or private schools that serves pupils in any grades 7-12, inclusive that issue pupil identification cards to include on the back of the pupil identification cards the telephone number of

the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Crisis Text Line, and the school's campus police or security telephone number or, if the school does not have a campus police or security telephone number , the local nonemergency telephone number.

- AB 2391 Summary: Commencing 7/1/2019, This bill would require a campus of the California Community Colleges, the California State Universities, and the University of California that issues pupil identification cards to include on the back of the pupil identification cards the telephone number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Crisis Text Line, and the school's campus police or security telephone number or, if the school does not have a campus police or security telephone number , the local nonemergency telephone number.
- AB 2639 Summary: This bill would require the State Department of Education to identify one or more evidence-based online training programs that a local educational agency, as defined, can use to train school staff and pupils as part of the local educational agency's policy on pupil suicide prevention. This bill would require the department to provide a grant to a county office of education to acquire and disseminate a training program identified by the department to local educational agencies at no cost. The bill would make this contingent on funds being appropriated in the annual Budget Act or another statute for its purpose.
- AB 2193 Summary: This bill would make it the duty of a licensed health care practitioners who treat or attend the mother of a child, or both, to screen the mother for maternal mental health conditions, as defined, at least once during pregnancy and once during the postpartum period and to report the findings of the screening to the mother's primary care physician if the health care practitioner is not the mother's primary care physician. The bill would also make it the duty of any facility where those practitioners treat or attend the mother of the child, or both, in the first post-delivery appointment to ensure that those practitioners perform the required screening and report the findings.
- AB 2817 Summary: This bill would exempt from relevant existing Penal Code requirements regarding the temporary transfer of a firearm that is voluntarily made for the purpose of preventing a suicide attempt using that firearm, as specified.
- AB 1436 Summary: This bill would require as a condition of licensure that Marriage Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Professional Clinical Counselors, Educational Psychologist on or after January 1, 2021, to complete a minimum of 6 hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention. Those licensed prior to January 1, 2021, can provide evidence, under penalty of perjury, that they previously met this requirement, must do so prior to their next re-licensure.

Watching:

- AB 2673 re: Bullying
- AB1927 re: California do not sell list
- AB 1868 re: Sexual Health Education – risks of posting sexually suggestive or explicit material