

DID YOU KNOW...

- ➔ DEPRESSION IS THE **LEADING DISABILITY** IN THE WORLD!
- ➔ Every **13.7 minutes** someone COMPLETES suicide and every **32 seconds** someone ATTEMPTS suicide.
- ➔ In 2010, **1,133 Georgians died by suicide, up 17%** from 967 (2008).
- ➔ Hospitalizations for suicide attempts between 2002 – 2006, (16,160 attempts) in Georgia resulted in **\$20 million dollars in hospital charges**. Now the rate of attempts per year has almost doubled and the medical costs have more than tripled.
- ➔ Of **38,364 suicide deaths** nationally in 2010, **30,277** were **MEN**.
- ➔ **80%** of all suicides, the person **has told someone** of their intention prior to taking their life. These are lives we can save!
- ➔ More armed service men and women have died by suicide than have died in this war. The suicide rate for **active duty female soldiers has TRIPLED**.
- ➔ In a typical **high school** and **middle school** classroom in GA, on average **3 students** have made a suicide attempt in the past year.
- ➔ Adolescents who have lost a friend to suicide are almost **3 times more likely to complete suicide** than those that have not.
- ➔ **28.1 % of gay or bisexual males** in grades 7-12 have **attempted suicide at least once** during their lives.
- ➔ More than **1 million adults** nationally reported attempting suicide in the past year, with rates of attempted suicide lowest in Delaware at 0.1% and **highest in Georgia at 1.5%**.
- ➔ Suicide is the **most preventable** cause of death. Early Intervention is often the key.
- ➔ In 2012, **Suicide** surpassed car accidents as **the leading cause of injury-related death** in the U.S.

Do you know how many suicides and suicide attempts happen annually in the District that you represent?

For more information and statistics on suicide in Georgia, go to www.span-ga.org and download the **Crisis of Suicide Educational Packet**. And check out our statewide suicide prevention information network, GSPIN at www.gspin.org.

