WHO WE ARE

AAS is the nation's largest suicide prevention membership organization.

AAS is also the oldest suicide prevention organization in the country, however we're always infusing new ideas and fresh innovation into our mission.

The AAS Mission: To promote the understanding and prevention of suicide and support those who have been affected by it.

1400+
CURRENT MEMBERS
People from across the globe make up our membership.

200
ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS
Industry-leading organizations from around the world

1800
CONFERENCE ATTENDEES
2019 was a record-setting level of participation

History

EST. 1968

In 1958, Edwin S. Shneidman, PhD, and Norman Farberow, PhD, launched the Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center (LASPC). This was the first center of its kind to provide suicide crisis, intervention and follow-up services. After several years of growing and expanding suicidology research at the LASPC, Shneidman founded AAS in 1968.

Over the next few decades, AAS continued to embrace the power and critical nature of research, crisis centers, and its members’ expertise to become the powerhouse it is today.
Our membership includes clinicians, researchers, suicide loss and attempt survivors, students, policy makers, crisis workers and everyone in suicide prevention, intervention, or postvention. Because this is a member-driven organization, new committees and workgroups continue to emerge providing opportunities for AAS to collaborate and grow. Examples of these include committees such as Autism and Suicide, Firearms and Suicide, Impacted Family and Friends, and many more.

AAS is foremost a place to connect and collaborate with real people. Our membership is effective and develops amazing content: live streams with researchers and advocates, online trainings, and population-specific toolkits. AAS provides a place for human connection, professional growth opportunities, and access to the world’s leading subject matter experts. At suicidology.org, along with tons of member-generated content, you'll also find information regarding crisis center accreditation and certifications.

With the help of our members, AAS is growing larger and stronger than ever. We’re working closely with technology developers, gaming communities, media and entertainment professionals, social media influencers, thought leaders, activists and advocates, and legislators, from every corner of the United States to reduce the rates of suicide and rid its scourge from our planet.

Become a member today at suicidology.org