

2021–22 Federal Budget

Inclusions for Suicide Prevention

This budget presents significant funding for suicide prevention. It is the first budget in response to the National Suicide Prevention Final Advice and the Productivity Commission into Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

While many of the initiatives announced in the Budget will benefit multiple cohorts, those highlighted below are specifically supporting initiatives that will assist to reduce suicide through early intervention and prevention.

We encourage you to read the full mental health and suicide prevention budget available on our website to appreciate the following information in context.

The Government has allocated \$298.1 million towards suicide prevention.

This commitment presents a shift towards early intervention at times of suicidal distress. It recognises the imperative of providing universal aftercare for anyone who has attempted suicide and postvention support for those who have been bereaved by suicide.

It shifts towards a provision of suicide prevention services that address the needs of those who are disproportionately impacted by suicide.

It establishes a national suicide prevention office to ensure a national approach is adopted across all jurisdictions. It provides frontline training for emergency service and allied health workers to recognise the early signs of distress and respond and refer appropriately.

Suicide prevention commitments include:

- \$12.8m to create a National Suicide Prevention Office.
- \$158.6m for universal aftercare services for every Australian discharged from hospital following an attempt, including \$9.8m trialling support for anyone who has attempted suicide or experienced suicidal distress who has not presented to hospital.
- \$22m to provide national suicide postvention services designed to help those bereaved or impacted by suicide.



- \$31.2m to pilot a National Distress Intervention program:
 - \$6.6m to implement national standards for Safe Spaces.
 - \$2.1m to expand the Roses in the Ocean CARE connect service.
- \$61.6m to expand the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program which supports a range of whole-of-population suicide prevention programs.
- \$12m to continue the delivery of local suicide prevention initiatives through former National Suicide Prevention Trial Sites.

National FREE 24/7 Crisis Services

[Lifeline](#) | 13 11 14

[Suicide Call Back Service](#) | 1300 659 467

[Kids Helpline](#) | 1800 55 1800

[Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service](#) | 1800 512 348

[Beyond Blue](#) | 1300 22 4636

<https://headtohealth.gov.au/>

Australian Bureau of Statistics: <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/causes-death-australia/latest-release>



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