



Making a Difference for Psychology!

2013 ELC Hill Visits:

*The Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act
Reauthorization of 2013
(S.116/H.R.2734)*



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The Education GRO Seeks to:

- ☐ Increase federal support for psychology education and training

- ☐ Promote the application of psychology to education (teaching and learning)

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A Few Announcements Before We Start





Advocacy Activities: Monday

- ☐ 7:15-8:45 AM – Advocacy for Novices (Breakfast) – New Jersey Room
- ☐ 12:00-1:00 PM – Advocacy Awards Luncheon – East Room
- ☐ 1:15-2:15 PM – Seating by States – Panel Discussion – State Room

*“White House Mental Health Initiative:
Partnering to Raise Awareness on College Campuses”*

- ☐ 2:15-5:00 PM – Preparation for Hill Visits – State Room
 - Review of Legislative Request
 - What to Expect/Preparing for Successful Meetings: Interactive Exercises
 - Distribution & Review of Hill Appointments**
- ☐ 5:30-6:30 PM – Representative Honda Reception – Mezzanine



Advocacy Activities: Tuesday

- ☐ 7:30-8:30 AM (State Room) – Breakfast and Final Preparations for Hill Visits

-Distribution of Congressional Member/Staff Folders

- ☐ 8:30AM – 3:00 PM – Capitol Hill Visits

- ☐ 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Georgia Room) – Debriefing (on Return)



Outside: Participant Folder (*Easy Reference Sticker*)



INTRODUCTION: Your Name /Title/Institution

Purpose of the Visit: Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act (GLSMA) Reauthorization of 2013 (S.116 or H.R.2734)

Hook: I'm a constituent and psychologist urging you to: Support the bi-partisan, budget-neutral Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act reauthorization of 2013 by co-sponsoring S.116 (or H.R. 2734).

LINE: GLSMA grants support suicide prevention programs to states, tribes and institutions of higher education. [Use compelling anecdotes to explain how GLSMA would benefit you/your university/state; and underscore that the bill is bi-partisan and budget neutral.]

SINKER: Please co-sponsor the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Reauthorization of 2013...Thank you.



Inside: Participant Folder*

Left Side:

- ☐ Brochure: *“Tips & Reminders to Help Make Your Hill Visit Successful”*
- ☐ 2013 GLSMA Talking Points
- ☐ Key Congressional Committees
- ☐ Map of Capitol Hill Complex
- ☐ Debriefing Forms (3)

Right Side:

- ☐ 2013 GLSMA Briefing Sheet
- ☐ APA Letter of Support to House
- ☐ Dear Colleague Letter
- ☐ Examples of GLSMA Grants
- ☐ Map of GLSMA Grantees

***Need to Bring Folders Back Tomorrow!**



Identifying Your Members of Congress

❑ House of Representatives: www.house.gov
(type in your zip code + 4 digit routing number)



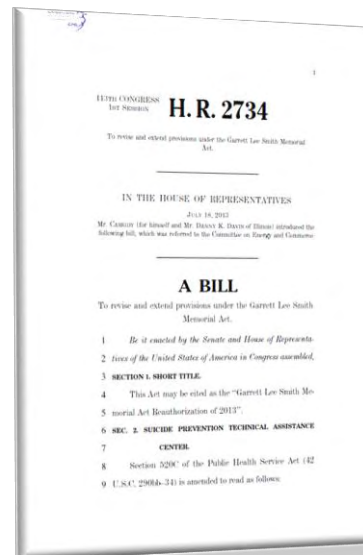
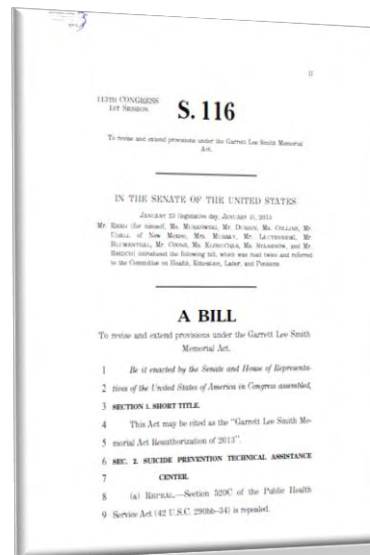
❑ Senators: www.senate.gov
(click on the “Senators” at the top)





Reviewing the Legislative Issue

The Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Reauthorization of 2013 (S.116/H.R.2734)





GLSMA Reauthorization of 2013

□ **S. 116:** Introduced on January 23, 2013

Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)

Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

(Currently 19 additional co-sponsors)

□ **H.R. 2734:** Introduced on July 18, 2013

Representative Bill Cassidy, MD (R-LA)

Representative Danny Davis (D-IL)

(Currently No additional cosponsors)



GLSMA Reauthorization of 2013: Background



Former Senator Gordon Smith of Oregon and his wife, Sharon



What is the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act (GLSMA)?

- ☐ A nationwide program supporting grants to states and Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and institutions of higher education
- ☐ GLSMA supports a suicide prevention technical assistance center
- ☐ GLSMA also supports suicide prevention programs on college campuses through its Campus Suicide Prevention Program



GLSMA Reauthorization of 2013 (S.116/H.R. 2734)

- ☐ Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)
(one grant supports this effort)
- ☐ Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Strategy
Grants to States and Tribes
(51 States/Territories/District and 48 Tribes supported)
- ☐ Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services
and Outreach on Campus
(138 Campuses receiving grants)



GLSMA Reauthorization of 2013 (S.116/H.R. 2734)

- ☐ Companion Legislation
- ☐ Small technical differences
- ☐ Bi-partisan in the House and the Senate
- ☐ Budget Neutral



Authorization

- ☐ Federal process used to new or renew legislation, usually every few years
- ☐ Provides the structure, outline or framework of how federal programs work
- ☐ Directs how the money can be used and who is eligible to apply
- ☐ Provides formulas for how funds are distributed and/or establishes criteria for judging competitive grants



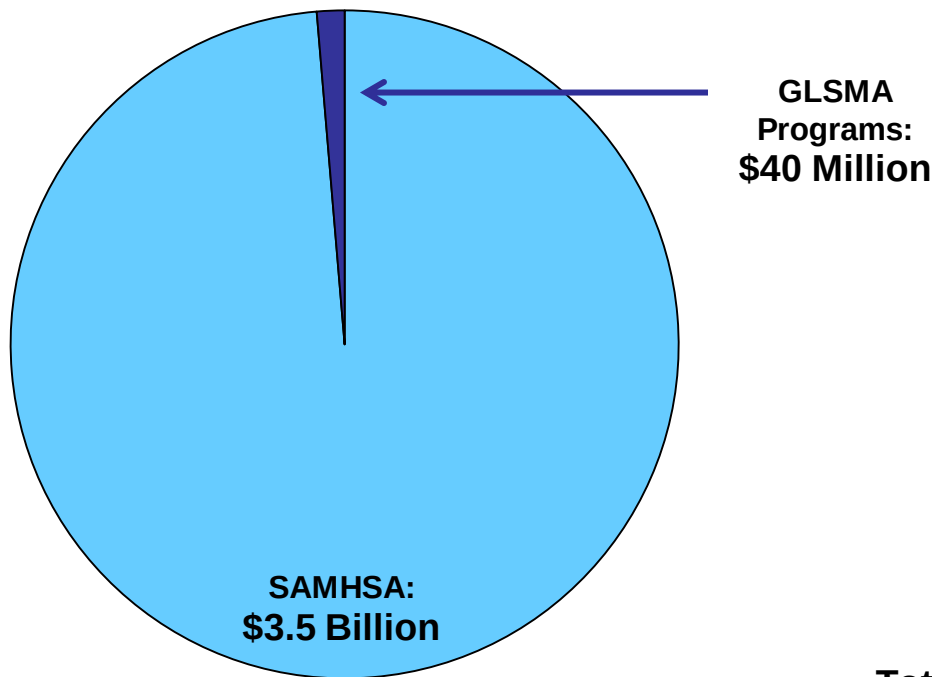
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- ❑ Home to the *Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act* programs
- ❑ Supports state and community efforts in prevention and early intervention, substance abuse treatment, mental health and recovery support services
- ❑ Three Centers include: Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Prevention and Substance Abuse Treatment
- ❑ Budget of approximately \$3.4 billion

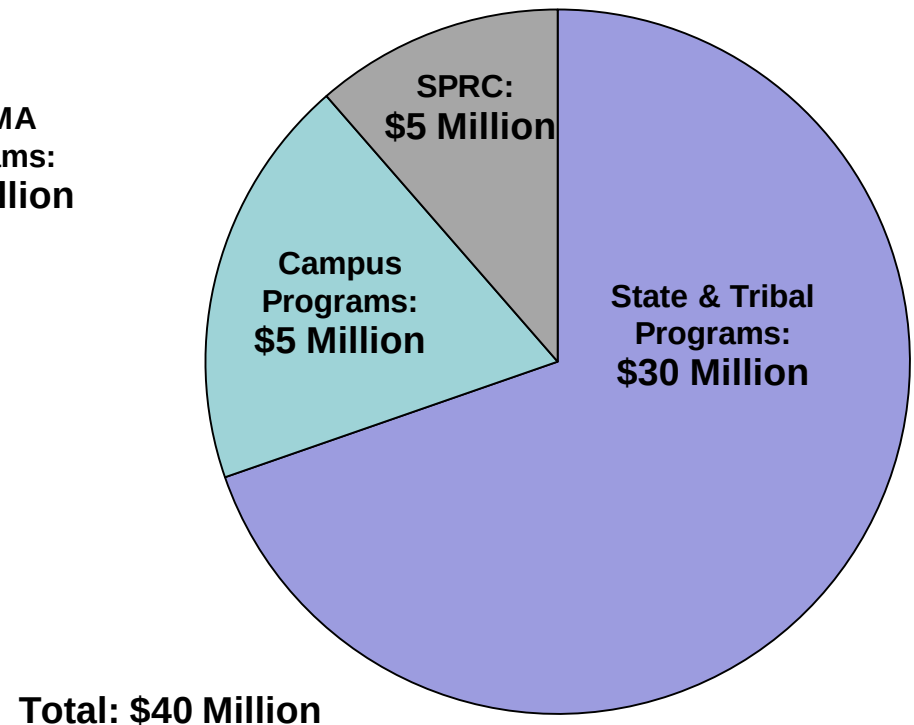


A Piece of SAMHSA: GLSMA

FY 2013 SAMHSA Budget



Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Programs





Does Your State or University Have a Current or Past GLSMA Grant?

Let them know!

(Map of GLSMA Grantees in Hill Visit Folder)



SAMHSA-Funded Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention Grantees





The “Ask” is...

*“Support the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial
Act Reauthorization of 2013”*

**Co-sponsor GLSMA
(S. 116 or H.R. 2734)**



Hill Visit Talking Points Sheet:

Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Reauthorization (S.116/H.R.2734)

- ☐ Introduction/ Purpose of Visit
- ☐ Recommendation
- ☐ Provide Anecdotal Information
- ☐ Provide Expert Information
- ☐ Summarize Key Points
- ☐ Repeat Request – The “Ask”
- ☐ Conclusion/Appreciation



Anecdotes Bring Data to Life





Remember:

You Already Have What You Need To Make A Difference

- ☐ Personal Life Experience
- ☐ Professional Expertise
- ☐ Knowledge of Local Issues/Needs
- ☐ Constituent Status (You Vote)

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A Few Reminders Before We Adjourn Today...





Please Don't Forget to...

- ☐ Sit with State Delegation After Lunch Tomorrow
- ☐ Fill Out/Bring GLSMA “Talking Points” Sheet
- ☐ **Bring Your Personal Folders Back Tomorrow!**

