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NVPN Monthly Newsletter

House and Senate Bills Continue Funding for NVDRS

Both the House of Representatives and Senate are inching forward with appropriations bills this summer to fund the government, including the Labor-HHS-Education bill that funds the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS).



Building on the achievement of full funding in FY18, both the House and Senate FY19 Labor-HHS bills were released last week, and continued funding at the \$23.5 million level.

The House's full committee markup of the bill has been postponed until after the July 4th recess, but we expect the funding level to remain the same.

Though there are still hurdles facing the passage of all twelve appropriations bills on time for the start of the new fiscal year on October 1, NVPN is well-positioned in its work to continue funding for NVDRS and educate members of Congress on its value to public

NVPN Hill Day

The [National Violence Prevention Network](#) (NVPN), in conjunction with the Safe States Alliance, held its annual Hill Day on May 11th. Members from states around the U.S. came to Washington, DC to educate members of their Congressional delegation on the work being done by NVDRS and injury and violence prevention in their states.



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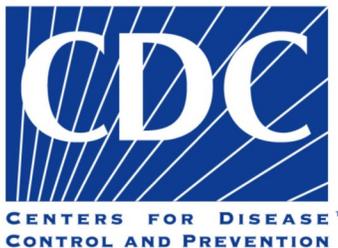
Members met with nearly 30 congressional offices and received positive feedback from staffers. Based on the success of reaching nationwide expansion in FY18, the education achieved during these Hill days continues to be an integral part of protecting the program.

If you are interested in participating in next year's Hill Day, please contact Kate

NVDRS Reverse Site Visit

From May 15-17, NVPN, other NVDRS partners, and members from each funded and unfunded state attended the CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System Reverse Site Visit in New Orleans.

Funded states shared updates on the work of their VDRS programs and studies that came out of the data. Unfunded states received information on applying for entry into NVDRS, and what it takes to set up the system within each of their states. Funded states added their expertise to the conversation and noted what they had found to be best practices. NVPN gave an update on the past year's advocacy work and the successes achieved in the FY18 budget. Other partners attending included the Safe States Alliance, the American Public Health Association, NAPHSIS, the National Association of Medical Examiners, and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists.



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NVDRS in the News

- The CDC Released a report entitled, "[Vital Signs: Suicide rising across the US](#)" using information collected from NVDRS. The report detailed that suicide rates went up more than 30% in half of states since 1999, and that 54% of people who died by suicide did not have a known mental health condition. Health Departments can work within their communities to put into place a comprehensive suicide prevention program using CDC's [Preventing Suicide: A Technical Package of Policy, Programs, and Practices](#).
- An [article in CNN](#) discusses the outlook for gun violence research with the clarification of the Dickey Amendment and increased funding to the National Violent Death Reporting System. It notes the political risks still inherent in the CDC pursuing this research and the increased data that will be available through NVDRS.
- The Law Enforcement Bulletin released an article entitled "[Intimate Partner Violence: A Pathway to Suicide](#)." The article uses NVDRS data and includes tools to assess suicide risk and evaluate the severity of domestic violence.