



NOW is the time for Congress to act.

Support and pass comprehensive mental health reform legislation.

MENTAL HEALTH REFORM

**Too many lives lost
...too little action**

Lives are at stake

- Ten million American adults report having serious mental illness like **schizophrenia** and **bipolar disorder**. Yet about 40% of those with serious mental illness did not receive any mental health services in the past year.
- The U.S. is experiencing an “epidemic of **drug overdose** deaths.” Since 2000, the rate of deaths from drug overdoses has increased 137%, including a 200% increase in the rate of overdose deaths involving opioids (opioid pain relievers and heroin). (CDC)
- **Alcohol** is killing Americans at a rate not seen in at least 35 years. In 2014, more than 30,700 Americans died from alcohol-induced causes, including alcohol poisoning and cirrhosis. (CDC)
- **Suicide** remains one of the 10 leading causes of deaths in the U.S. It is the second leading killer of Americans ages 15 to 34.

Addressing mental and addictive disorders is the way to save lives, communities, and money.

CONGRESS SHOULD:
Pass comprehensive mental health reform *NOW!*