The FCC has received a recommendation from the North American Numbering Council (NANC) regarding the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act.  Unfortunately, their recommendations were not in line with the purpose and intent of the bill as they stated that they felt crisis calls should just be merged with the 211 system.  The entire purpose of the Suicide Hotline Improvement Act was to work toward our public health vision of decreasing the stigma of mental health crisis and suicide by showing the community (and the world) that mental health crises are just as worthy of a dedicated service as physical health crises (911).   So, merging this service in with 211 is not consistent with that vision, or with the vision of 211 which is to provide general information and referral services. We need our own dedicated line such as 511.