SF SUICIDE PREVENTION HISTORY AT A GLANCE

2020

SFSP upgrades to a cloud-based calling system, allowing volunteers and staff to respond to crisis calls safely from home and in compliance to Shelter-in-Place guidelines.



2019

SFSP merges into Felton Institute, uniting two of the Bay's Areas leading mental health and crisis intervention agencies.

1992

SFSP relocates to the Financial District.

1989

HIV/AIDS Nightline launches. The name was adapted as most calls came in at night due to most HIV patients were up at night in pain.

1988

Youth line launches.

1976

Drug and Alcohol line launches.

1972

Funding begins from the City and County of San Francisco.

1962

Founded by gay Anglican priest Bernard Mayes who hands out flyers saying, "Call Bruce." Trivia: Bernard Mayes later co-founds NPR.

