

# Connecticut ZERO SUICIDE Learning Community for Health and Behavioral Health Care

**Zero Suicide** is a foundational approach based on the belief that suicide deaths for individuals under care within health and behavioral health systems are preventable. It presents both a bold goal and an aspirational challenge. It is a:

- ◆ Goal of the 2012 [National Strategy for Suicide Prevention](#) (#8) and [CT Suicide Prevention Plan](#) 2020 (#3) and 2025 (#3).
- ◆ Priority of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention and CT Suicide Advisory Board
- ◆ Focus of the national Zero Suicide Institute, multiple health care systems nationwide, and Connecticut's suicide prevention federal initiatives
- ◆ For more information on the approach: <http://zerosuicide.sprc.org/>

**The CT Zero Suicide Learning Community** was initiated by the CT Suicide Advisory Board (CTSAB) and the Institute of Living/Hartford Healthcare in 2015 in partnership with the CT Hospital Association. Learning Community participants are provided with CT and national resources and technical assistance, workforce peer to peer support, access to training resources, and encouragement to promote the aspirational goal and philosophy of Zero Suicide beyond their four walls to their communities impacting suicide statewide.

## CT Zero Suicide Learning Community Meetings

- ◆ *When:* 4th Wednesday, Bi-monthly from 9-10:30 AM (Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Sept., Nov.)
- ◆ *Where:* Virtual meeting platform, details announced via email and appointment
- ◆ *Who should attend:* Representatives of health and behavioral health care institutions and partnering organizations interested in continuous quality improvement
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