



Office of  
Mental Health



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# ZERO SUICIDE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE APPLICATION

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## COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

EDC/ SPCNY - Zero Suicide Community of Practice

## LOCATION

Virtual - Online

## DATES

January 2022 meeting monthly through  
September 2022

## SPONSORING ORGANIZATION EMAIL

[info@zerosuicideinstitute.com](mailto:info@zerosuicideinstitute.com)

[spcny@omh.ny.gov](mailto:spcny@omh.ny.gov)

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## PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

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All health and behavioral health systems are eligible to apply that have the following three component services/ department: emergency departments (ED), primary care (PC) and behavioral health (BH). Applicants are to attend the Zero Suicide Community of Practice with a team of four (4) to five (5) individuals from each of department (i.e., 12 participants total) including the person identified as the lead for the system's Zero Suicide initiative from each of the three departments. Recommendations for the team composition include:

- At least one senior leader/management (irrespective of discipline area). Person(s) responsible and with authority for implementation decisions (e.g., CEO, COO, Medical Director from one of the departments; ED, PC, BH)
- At least one person who manages your electronic health records (EHR) system, quality improvement, or risk management as part of the department (at least from one of the teams ED, PC or BH)
- At least one person (e.g., case manager, psychologist, social worker, nurse, other) who provides care to patients daily
- At least one person who supervises the direct patient care
- At least one person with lived experience represented on at least one of the three teams (ED, PC, BH)

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

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All organizations wishing to be considered for the Zero Suicide Community of Practice will submit the application by the due date. The application will be reviewed by the Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center of New York and the Zero Suicide Institute (ZSI); a complete application will be required including at least 3 teams, comprised of 4 team members selected to attend and a completed organizational self-study. Applications are due by **November 15th, 2021**.

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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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**THE LEAD APPLICANT WILL RECEIVE ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND MUST BE ONE OF THE TEAM MEMBERS.**

**The Zero Suicide Community of Practice application consists of:**

1. A letter of commitment written by the organization's CEO/Senior Executive Leader. The CEO/Senior Executive Leader should review and approve the submission and agree to the strategy proposed.
2. A narrative that, in two to four pages, responds to the following:
  - Briefly describe the members of your team and the relevant skills, knowledge, and experience they bring to the Zero Suicide Community of Practice.
  - Briefly indicate number of annual patients served by each of the 3 departments.
  - What are your organizations goals for participating in the Zero Suicide Community of Practice and what does the team hope to learn during the 9-month experience? Describe how you would like to apply Zero Suicide in your organization.
  - What successes and/or challenges have you had with systems-change in your organization? [Consider other collaborative efforts within your team and/or other quality improvement programs in your organization.]
3. A Zero Suicide Organizational Self-Study is to be completed by your implementation team members, along with your application (one per department or one per health system??). We offer two versions of the **Organizational Self-Study**: The General Organizational Self-Study and the Inpatient Organizational Self-Study. Organizations can choose to take one or both available Self-Studies. If you would like to review the questions before taking the survey, we offer a PDF of each version of the Self-Study. To access these resources, you will need to [create an account on the Zero Suicide website](#). **The Organizational Self-Study is due at the time of the time of application.** A prior Organizational Self-Study is acceptable, as long as it was completed within the prior 12 months.

**Note:** *Zero Suicide Implementation team members should include persons who can both champion Zero Suicide with passion and those who have some power and influence in your system. This can include clinical directors, senior clinical staff with coordination over a certain area or department, information technology, risk management or quality improvement, or person with lived experience to represent your agency, through either the ED, PC or BH teams.*

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## DEADLINE

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Applications are due by **November 15th, 2021**

**Note:** *Community of Practice to begin January of 2022 running until September 2022*

**Questions:** Contact by email at [SPCNY@OMH.NY.GOV](mailto:SPCNY@OMH.NY.GOV)