



Greetings,

Thank you for your expressed interest in joining Center For Family Services' Zero Suicide Committee. Center For Family Services is committed to improving the care we provide for those who are struggling with suicide. The most vital difference we can make is to be merchants of hope for those we serve and our fellow colleagues struggling with suicide. Center For Family Services is dedicated to making sure all of our staff have the skills and confidence to respond to someone in crisis and/or provide effective treatment to those in need.

Center For Family Services has adopted the [Zero Suicide](#) framework, a quality improvement model that transforms system-wide suicide prevention and care to save lives, developed by the [Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#) and [The National Alliance for Suicide Prevention](#), projects of [Education Development Center](#). The Zero Suicide Framework is comprised of seven elements representing a holistic approach to suicide prevention and care within behavioral health care systems. We believe this approach improves the care and safety of those we serve and our staff, thereby making our organization a safer, and, hopefully, more fulfilling place to work.

The Zero Suicide Committee works to support the full implementation and continuous quality improvement and fidelity to the Zero Suicide model. We are committed to leading a system-wide culture committed to reducing suicides through education, policy changes, and an organized coordination of care. As members of the Zero Suicide Committee, we continuously assess the needs of Center For Family Services, create ongoing agency wide strategic plans on suicide prevention and care to address identified needs, and implement core activities to reach our goals.

We believe that the success of being a Zero Suicide organization is because of individuals like you willing to be leaders of suicide prevention and care within Center For Family Services. We are excited that you have expressed an interest in being part of the Zero Suicide Committee.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out. We look forward to being part of the Zero Suicide Committee.

Best Wishes,

Sile Keane, Desiree Huffnagle and Alexis Maneely

Co-Chairs



Zero Suicide Committee Member Responsibilities

Our Vision:

The vision of Center For Family Service's Zero Suicide Initiative is to create an organization where suicide prevention and care is recognized as a priority among all staff and across all aspects of our work. The committee recognizes that breaking down the stigma and silence centered around suicide and mental health is a form of suicide prevention and care. Everyone plays a role in suicide prevention at CFS. With this in mind, the Committee sees CFS as an agency known for educating all staff, those we serve, and the community in evidenced informed and evidenced based skills and interventions in suicide prevention and care based on their roles within the organization.

Our Commitment

The Zero Suicide Committee is committed to moving the Zero Suicide Framework from an aspirational initiative to a signature initiative at Center For Family Services. We have a commitment first to our staff to ensure they are kept up to date on new information, resources, and training, and that staff self-care and community-care is seen as an essential part of our work. We are committed to be life-long learners in the field of suicidology, research best practices, create systems that support innovative approaches to suicide prevention and a continuum of care, and ensure all staff are part of the process.

Our Action

We aim to support the implementation of the Zero Suicide framework by laying the foundation through education, policy changes, and an organized coordination of care. As members of the Zero Suicide Committee, we will assess the needs of Center For Family Services, create an agency wide strategic plan on suicide prevention and care based on the needs, and implement the core activities to reach our goals.

Our Expectations:

All committee members are champions of this initiative! When making a commitment to be part of this committee, CFFS would like staff to understand their role and responsibilities that are part of this very important work!