

Impact report

Zero Suicide Collaborative



In 2020, the Cardinal Health™ Foundation launched a national Zero Suicide Collaborative, offering two-year competitive grants to healthcare systems across the country. The Foundation strategically partnered with the Zero Suicide Institute at the Education Development Center (EDC) to provide funding, training and expert support for healthcare systems to focus on the provision, institutionalization and sustainability of safer suicide care. Seventeen hospitals participated in the Zero Suicide Collaborative from 2020 through 2022. The results of their work are represented here.

17 healthcare systems

of various sizes representing every region of the United States participated in the Collaborative; touching more than **1.4 million unique patients**.



83%



created or continued efforts to provide **lethal means counseling**, an evidence-based strategy for preventing suicide.



92%

provided suicide risk screening,

a critical step in gold standard suicide care, in patient care settings and began or continued to provide staff training on evidence-based suicide risk screening.

50%+

More than half **established caring contact policies or procedures** to support care transitions.



75%

implemented the **collaborative safety planning intervention**, an evidence-based practice in effective suicide care.



100%

created policies or protocols for suicide risk screening and assessment by the close of the project.



Straight from the source

“Over the past two years, we have worked to begin implementation of Zero Suicide. The response to this project has been overwhelmingly positive.

I've found that our associates take pride in being an organization committed to suicide prevention, for both our patients and our associates. By teaching our staff how to talk to patients about suicide, and implementing best-practice initiatives in suicide prevention, it not only optimizes safety and quality of care for our patients, but it increases engagement and commitment among our associates.

– **Leader from participating agency**

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