

Dear (Warden/CEO of health and behavioral health organization),

Thank you so much for your interest in joining the Zero Suicide initiative and supporting the goal of improving suicide care for the individuals in your correctional setting.

Zero Suicide is intended to be an ongoing continuous quality improvement project that will impact all areas of the jail/prison. Participation in Zero Suicide activities will positively impact the culture of the jail/prison. It's not only a list of screenings and assessments or procedures and policies. In addition to reducing suicidal deaths, Zero Suicide is also about creating a culture of support for your staff who are doing the very difficult hands-on work of suicide prevention.

Research shows that one of the most important elements of any successful organizational change project is leadership support and engagement. We know that you have many competing priorities and responsibilities but we hope that you will set Zero Suicide as an important priority. Your commitment to Zero Suicide is vital.

When teams join a Zero Suicide Academy or Workshop we ask them to provide a letter of commitment from their leadership stating explicit commitment and support of this work, not only attendance at the Academy or Workshop, but also the work that will come afterwards.

While we recognize that zero is an aspiration goal, we do believe that no suicide is fated and that we can intervene in meaningful ways that can help people find hope and we are grateful for your commitment to this work.

Sincerely

Zero Suicide Institute

Dear Zero Suicide Institute

I am pleased to commit to supporting (insert facility name)'s efforts to improve suicide care for the individuals we serve through the work of the Zero Suicide framework. As a leader of (facility) I am committed to:

1. Helping to build internal capacity for the work on this project.
2. Working to change the necessary organizational policies and procedures to support the work of Zero Suicide.
3. Working to align our organizational culture with a Just Culture philosophy.
4. Actively assisting the implementation team to break the barriers to implementation of the processes and procedures related to improving suicide care.