



Saving Lives Where You Live

EDC's Community-Led Suicide Prevention (CLSP) framework helps local coalitions access the information, tools, and strategies they need to save lives.

The Need for Community-Led Suicide Prevention

Suicide is a leading preventable cause of death in the United States.

Recent federal guidance, including the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's [Transforming Communities](#) report and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' 2024 [National Strategy for Suicide Prevention](#), highlight that suicide prevention coalitions are a critical partner in the nation's journey to end suicide. However, many coalitions need skills and knowledge to translate best practices in suicide prevention into approaches that fit their local context, assets, and culture.

EDC developed the CLSP framework to bring communities together to make and reach their suicide prevention goals.

WHAT IS COMMUNITY-LED SUICIDE PREVENTION?

CLSP focuses on seven evidence-informed, equitable, and sustainable elements of prevention:



UNITY

Develop Broad-Based Support for a Shared Vision



INTEGRATION

Use Multiple, Complementary Approaches



DATA

Use Data to Guide Action and Improve Efforts



COMMUNICATION

Communicate Clearly, Safely, and Consistently



PLANNING

Use a Strategic Planning Process



SUSTAINABILITY

Create Long-Lasting Change



FIT

Align Activities with Community Culture and Needs

CLSP Toolkit

To help communities build suicide prevention programs that work and last, EDC offers the CLSP Toolkit, freely available at clsp.edc.org. The toolkit was created with input from an advisory board of community, state, and national suicide prevention experts.

The CLSP Toolkit includes:

- Ways to achieve each element with practical how-to steps
- Real-world success stories in community suicide prevention
- Tools to guide communities in launching suicide prevention efforts and choosing a comprehensive mix of strategies
- A resource hub with evidence-informed materials on suicide prevention and public health



When moving from awareness to action, always think about ‘How do we sustain this work? Is this something we can sustain? And is this something that will be beneficial for our community?’

— WyKisha McKinney, Senior Project Lead, Zero Suicide at EDC

Implementation Support From EDC Solutions

EDC provides expert support and training to coalitions and local groups that are looking to implement the CLSP approach. Services include:

CLSP Academy:

Live training that provides the tools, strategies, and expertise to help local suicide prevention collaboratives save lives.

CLSP Consultation:

Interactive training, tools, and tailored coaching to support communities’ use of the CLSP framework for achieving comprehensive suicide prevention.

✉ Contact us for CLSP Academy and consultation pricing and availability: solutions@edc.org



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