Zero Suicide is a commitment to suicide prevention in health and behavioral health care systems and also a specific set of tools and strategies. It is both a concept and a practice. Its core proposition is that suicide deaths for people under care are preventable and that the bold goal of zero suicides among persons receiving care is an aspirational challenge that health systems should accept. It represents a commitment to patient safety – the most fundamental responsibility of health care – and also to the safety and support of clinical staff who treat and support suicidal patients.

The Zero Suicide Academy™ is a two-day training for senior leaders of health and behavioral health care organizations that seek to dramatically reduce suicides among patients in their care. Fifteen health and behavioral health care organizations have been selected to attend the Zero Suicide Academy™ to be held in Jefferson City, Missouri in March 2017:

Burrell Behavioral Health Springfield MO
Tri-County Mental Health Services Kansas City MO
Citizens Memorial Hospital Bolivar MO
Crittendon Children’s Center Kansas City MO
Bootheel Counseling Services Sikeston MO
Mercy Hospital Jefferson Crystal City MO
Mercy Hospital St. Louis St. Louis MO
Family Guidance Center Saint Joseph MO
Ozarks Medical Center West Plains MO
Swopes Health Services Kansas City MO
Missouri Department of Mental Health Jefferson City MO
Gibson Recovery Center Cape Girardeau MO
Amanda Luckett Murphy Hopewell Center St. Louis MO