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. Twelve health and behavioral health care organizations have been selected to attend the Zero Suicide Academy® to be held in Jefferson City, Missouri in June 2019:

KUTO, Kids Under Twenty One, St. Louis, MO
Mercy Health System, Chesterfield, MO
Metropolitan St. Louis Psychiatric Center, St. Louis, MO
Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Development Disabilities, Jefferson City, MO
Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Behavioral Health, Jefferson City, MO
Missouri Institute of Mental Health, University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO
Saint Francis Healthcare System, Cape Girardeau, MO
Saint Luke’s Health System, Kansas City, MO
St. Louis Children’s Hospital, St. Louis, MO
St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center, St. Louis, MO
Truman Medical Centers Behavioral Health, Kansas City, MO
SSM Health, St. Louis, MO
Wachter Healthcare, Lenexa, KS