

# Behavioral Health Service Line



## Wellstar Zero Suicide Initiative

Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death both in Georgia and the United States. Those at risk are showing up for care at different access points in our community and yet very few providers are trained to identify, assess, and treat these patients with evidence-based care.

The Zero Suicide framework is a system-wide, organizational commitment to safer suicide care in health and behavioral health care systems. Zero Suicide Initiative is a priority of the **National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention** and a project of **Education Development Center's Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)**. The goal is to identify gaps that exist and bridge such gaps through utilization of evidence-based practices geared towards increasing patient safety and decreasing suicide deaths ([www.zerosuicide.edc.org](http://www.zerosuicide.edc.org)).

Wellstar adopted the Zero Suicide Initiative in 2017. The model identifies 7 core elements of suicide care: **Lead, Identify, Engage, Train, Treat, Transition, and Improve**. These core elements are instrumental in ensuring patient safety and supporting team members who care for and treat suicidal patients.

Wellstar realizes the importance of having a well-trained and competent workforce to care for patients identified as at risk of suicide. While there are evidence-based treatments for suicide, relatively few providers have received adequate training on these methods. Upon identification of this gap, Wellstar's Behavioral Health Service Line has partnered with the Roswell Rotary Club to offer a free training in **Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS)**.

Developed by Dr. David Jobes, CAMS is one of three evidence-based suicide-specific treatment modalities that targets suicide risk. Wellstar has partnered with CAMS-Care [www.cams-care.com](http://www.cams-care.com) to offer this training at no cost to licensed behavioral health providers in our community and to our behavioral health staff members. Attendees will receive the following:

- Virtual one-day CAMS training with continuing education credits
- CAMS training manual

Seats are limited to 100 providers

## Training Information:

**Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS).**

**Date:** October 16, 2020

**Time:** 8am-5pm

**Location:** Live Webinar

**CEUs:** 7 Core Continuing Education Clock Hours for Psychologists, Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists

## Educational Objectives:

- Discuss the theoretical and philosophical underpinnings of the Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) framework
- Understand the need for identifying and centering treatment around patients' idiosyncratic "drivers" of suicide
- Apply specific CAMS practices, including the foundational risk assessment, safety/stabilization plan, and an initial drivers-focused treatment plan
- Relay ethical and practical considerations for continuing ongoing suicide-focused care in subsequent sessions (beyond an initial contact)
- Assess specific factors that would inform when to appropriately end suicide-focused care
- Articulate ways the application of CAMS may change when working with children and adolescents
- Understand aspects of CAMS-specific care and suicide-focused care more generally that can serve to prevent malpractice litigation

## Registration:

<https://www.theknowledgetree.org/p/cams-suicide-prevention/>

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