

Tech Ends Suicide Together

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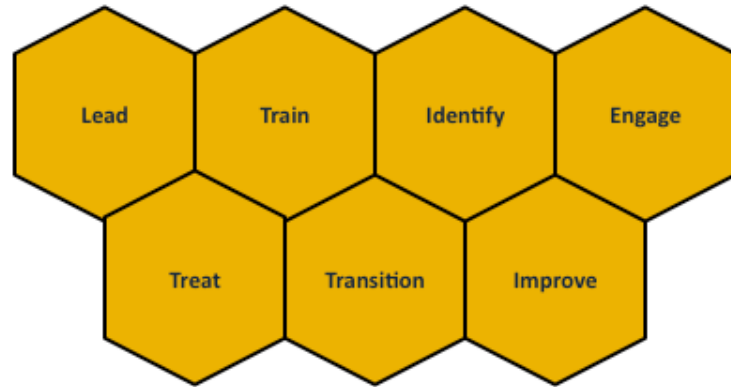
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Tech Ends Suicide Together is a bold and aspirational plan to end suicide at Georgia Tech. Based on the International Zero Suicide initiative (zerosuicide.sprc.org), it represents a paradigm shift from suicide prevention to suicide elimination. Georgia Tech is one of the first colleges/universities in the United States to implement a zero suicide initiative on campus.

The overarching beliefs of *Tech Ends Suicide Together* are:

- **Suicide affects everyone** in the Georgia Tech community;
- **Each member** of the Georgia Tech community has a responsibility as a care provider to those at risk for suicide;
- **A single death** by suicide is one too many.

At the core of *Tech Ends Suicide Together* is the belief that anything short of zero suicides is unacceptable. It is critical for this initiative to aim for zero suicide as an aspirational goal, even though theoretically it may be difficult to achieve.



Tech Ends Suicide Together creates “The Next” in suicide prevention by purposefully and intentionally aspiring to end suicide and to save lives at Georgia Tech. *Tech Ends Suicide Together* does not rest in maintaining the status quo of suicide prevention or fearing failure, but rather focuses on the possible and strives for success.

The implementation of *Tech Ends Suicide Together* cannot rest solely on the responsibility of campus mental health providers to provide care but requires a campus-wide approach and must include all members of the Georgia Tech community in order to improve outcomes and to provide a network of care for all

members of the campus community.

Working in close collaboration and cooperation with campus colleagues, students, and the entire Georgia Tech community, *Tech Ends Suicide Together* represents both an aspirational goal and a call to action to create a campus-wide linkage of programs and support that work together to end suicide at Georgia Tech.



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