



## COLORADO: Ending Suicide Goal of a New Program in Western Colorado

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A mental health care provider in western Colorado has adopted the Zero Suicide Initiative. Mind Springs Health has joined state and national efforts to provide health care practitioners with the tools to prevent patient suicide. "Zero Suicide embraces the critically important, fundamental idea that suicide is preventable," said Mind Springs Executive Vice President Michelle Hoy. The move comes after the Colorado legislature passed a bill authorizing the creation of a suicide prevention plan for the state's health care system, which included a recommendation to adopt the Zero Suicide model. Mind Springs is also encouraging community-level participation in suicide prevention. Said Hoy, "The community can help by getting educated and being aware of how their friends, loved ones and coworkers are doing. Asking questions won't make a person suicidal."

**Spark Extra!** Read the Colorado Senate [bill](#) [2] that called for Zero Suicide.

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[1] <http://www.steamboattoday.com/news/2017/feb/09/new-initiative-western-colorado-aims-end-suicide/>

[2] [http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2016a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont/E8B9508CBF48384B87257F2400659D52?Open&amp;file=147\\_enr.pdf](http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2016a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont/E8B9508CBF48384B87257F2400659D52?Open&amp;file=147_enr.pdf)

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