National Guidelines for Child and Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Care

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The *National Guidelines for Child and Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Care* offers best practices to address gaps in crisis services , emphasizing home- and community-based crisis response, family engagement, and culturally appropriate services. SAMHSA encourages youth crisis systems to:

- Prioritize keeping youth in their homes and communities.
- Provide developmentally appropriate care that recognizes youth-specific needs.
- Incorporate family and youth peer support in service planning and delivery.
- Ensure crisis response services are equitable, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed.

These principles align with the *National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care – Best Practice Toolkit*, reinforcing a recovery-focused, trauma-informed approach to crisis intervention.

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