

ADOLESCENT CRISIS RESPONSE & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUMMIT

AGENDA

7:30 - 8:30 AM

Sign in/Registration

8:30 - 8:45 AM

Welcome

8:45 - 9:45 AM

Adolescent Behavioral Health: Substance Use, Mental Health, and Co-Occurring Disorders

9:45 - 10:00 AM

Break
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10:00 - 11:00 AM

Ethical Considerations and Practices When Working with Justice Involved Youth

11:00 - 12:00 PM

Adolescent Crisis Intervention and De-Escalation

12:00 - 12:30 PM

Lunch
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12:30 - 1:30 PM

The Alabama Adolescent Treatment Continuum: Linkages, Referrals, and Access to Care

1:30 - 1:45 PM

Break
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1:45 - 2:45 PM

Navigating Alabama's Crisis Systems of Care: The Role of Adolescent Mobile Crisis Teams

2:45 - 3:45 PM

Effective Communication with Adolescents in Crisis Using Brief Motivational Interviewing

3:45 - 4:00 PM

Leveraging Technology to Connect Adolescents with Services and Supports

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Statement of Need

A crisis is a period of emotional or substance use related distress that requires immediate intervention. Behavioral health experts identify the lack of timely, coordinated response as a key factor in adverse outcomes and a barrier to long-term wellness. Data show that adolescents with both a substance use and mental health disorder face greater challenges accessing appropriate care. When providers lack the information and resources, vulnerable youth are often directed into the legal system instead of receiving the clinical support they need. Understanding available resources through Alabama Crisis Systems of Care equips providers to connect youth with behavioral health services and support their path to recovery.

Who Should Attend

The Adolescent Crisis Summit is designed for professionals who work with or support youth experiencing behavioral health and substance use challenges, particularly those involved in crisis response, referral, and care coordination. Appropriate attendees include:

- Juvenile justice professionals, including probation officers, court personnel, and detention staff
- School-based professionals, including counselors, administrators, social workers, and school resource officers
- Behavioral health and substance use treatment providers
- Mobile crisis team members and crisis response professionals
- Healthcare providers, including emergency department staff, pediatric providers, and care coordinators
- Child welfare and family services professionals
- Community-based service providers and nonprofit organizations serving youth and families
- Law enforcement and first responders who interact with adolescents in crisis
- State and local agency representatives involved in youth services and behavioral health systems

This summit is especially valuable for professionals seeking to improve coordination across systems, strengthen communication pathways, and better connect adolescents to appropriate behavioral health services through the Alabama Crisis Systems of Care.

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