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Stabilization and Field Engagement Response (S.A.F.E.R.) Policy

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Policy

It is the policy of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to provide assistance to the community through the Stabilization and Field Engagement Response (S.A.F.E.R.) Team following a completed suicide event within the community.

Purpose

To provide guidance to DBH workforce members regarding the appropriate criteria and responsibilities for requesting and facilitating a S.A.F.E.R. response following a completed suicide event within the community.

Definitions

Clinical Personnel: Pre-licensed or licensed professionals who evaluate, diagnose, and treat emotional, behavioral, and/or mental disorders through psychotherapy and counseling.

Completed Suicide: A suicide attempt that results in the death of the individual.

S.A.F.E.R. Team: The S.A.F.E.R. Team consists of specially trained clinical personnel within Community Crisis Services (CCS) who visit locations where a group of community members may benefit from immediate behavioral health support following a completed suicide event.

Related Form, Policy, and Procedure

DBH Standard Practice Manual and Departmental Forms:

- Department of Behavioral Health – Stabilization and Field Engagement Response (S.A.F.E.R.) Disposition Report (CLP074)
- Department of Behavioral Health – Stabilization and Field Engagement Response (S.A.F.E.R.) Request (CLP073)
- Stabilization and Field Engagement Response (S.A.F.E.R.) Procedure (CLP0848-1)