

Crisis Awareness and Response CARE Team

526.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines regarding the establishment of a Crisis Awareness and Response Team (CARE Team) to use a therapeutic team approach to deescalate crisis situations involving youths.

526.2 POLICY

Each facility will have a CARE Team to provide a means to respond immediately to any developing situation and to provide a therapeutic and team approach to dealing with the youth and the issues at hand. Care Team has the primary focus to de-escalate the situation, attempt to resolve the youth's issue or primary stressor without the need for the use of force or room confinement.

526.3 REFERENCES

For further guidance see *Crisis Awareness and Response CARE Team Procedure*