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The National Crisis in Youth Mental Health: Potential Solutions through a Systems of Care Approach

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Abstract:

Rates of youth depression, anxiety and death by suicide have escalated over the past 15 years and have been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. The crisis has led to a tremendous increase in youth presenting to emergency departments for mental and behavioral health concerns. A population health approach that integrates mental health services with other interventions may be the optimal strategy to address the youth mental health crisis. This presentation examines the population trends of youth mental health in the U.S. and outlines the development of a comprehensive system of pediatric mental health care that spans prevention strategies to crisis and inpatient psychiatric care.

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Describe population trends in youth mental health and suicide including presentation to emergency department.
- 2. Recognize the roles of different levels of care in pediatric mental health services.
- 3. Evaluate the role of a comprehensive system of care in addressing the demand for pediatric mental health services.

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