

Behavioral Health Emergency Partnership Classroom Day One

Scenario 1:

You receive a call that a person's flowerbed has been destroyed resulting in approximately \$100 of damage to plants that were recently planted. You discover that Ken, a 17-year-old with an intellectual disability has picked all the flowers because he wanted to give them to his mother as a gift. His mother tells you that they often pick wildflowers together and Ken does not realize what he has done is wrong.

Is diversion appropriate? If not, why?

If diversion is appropriate, why?

What diversion options would your group use?

What other considerations do you have to consider before making your decision?

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Scenario 2:

You receive a complaint of a loud stereo in a local apartment complex. When you arrive, you meet with the resident who tells you that they are diagnosed with schizophrenia and the music helps them to calm down when the auditory hallucinations become overwhelming and scary. The person acknowledges that the hallucinations have gotten progressively worse since she moved to this area. During your contact you find that the residence is clean and well cared for.

Is diversion appropriate? If not, why?

If diversion is appropriate, why?

What diversion options would your group use?

What other considerations do you have to consider before making your decision?

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Scenario 3:

You receive a call from a parent that advised that his 12-year-old son who is diagnosed with Bipolar disorder is refusing to go to school and is becoming increasingly difficult to handle. The parent advises that his son is normally very sweet but when he gets upset, he can become violent and, in this case, started slapping the parent. The parent would like his son petitioned for treatment but does not believe that he can transport his son safely.

Is diversion appropriate? If not, why?

If diversion is appropriate, why?

What diversion options would your group use?

What other considerations do you have to consider before making you decision?

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Scenario 4:

You receive a call from a local gas station of a person that stole a sandwich from the store and is currently loitering in the parking lot. They would like the individual arrested and trespassed from the property. Upon contact, you find that the individual is homeless and has delusions that government agencies are watching him and trying to get him thrown in jail. When asked about the sandwich he says that the sandwich is a gift from "friends" that know the government is "out to get him." During conversation the person the person states that he has no desire to hurt himself or anyone else, he just wants to stay off the government's "radar."

Is diversion appropriate? If not, why?

If diversion is appropriate, why?

What diversion options would your group use?

What other considerations do you have to consider before making you decision?