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(a) **Standard.**

- (1) There is a written suicide prevention program established for the management of potentially suicidal youth.
- (2) The suicide prevention program:
 - (A) includes specific procedures and documentation for screening, identifying, and supervising suicide-prone youth;
 - (B) includes management of suicidal incidents, suicide watch, death of a youth or staff member, and staff and youth critical incident debriefing;
 - (C) requires a review of critical incidents by TJJJ administration and health services;
 - (D) is developed by the TJJJ director of treatment in collaboration with the TJJJ medical director and UTMB-CMC Youth Services mental health treatment director; and
 - (E) is reviewed annually by the TJJJ medical director and the TJJJ director of treatment.
- (3) All staff with responsibility for youth supervision are trained on an annual basis in the implementation of the program.

(b) **Training.**

Annual suicide prevention training includes at least the following topics:

- (1) identifying the warning signs and symptoms of suicidal behavior;
- (2) understanding the demographic and cultural parameters of suicidal behavior, including incidence and precipitating factors;
- (3) responding to suicidal and depressed youth;
- (4) communication between correctional and health care personnel;
- (5) referral procedures;
- (6) housing, observation, and suicide watch level procedures; and
- (7) follow-up monitoring of youth who make a suicide attempt.

(c) **Procedures.**

- (1) Management of suicidal youth is performed in accordance with the following policies:
 - [GAP.380.9187](#) – observation levels and safety precautions.
 - [GAP.380.9188](#) – intake of new youth, identification of suicide risk, screening, suicide watch, assessment, treatment, supervision, notification, and youth debriefing.
 - [GAP.380.9745](#) – protective custody.
 - [GAP.07.07](#) – review by the TJJJ Critical Incident Review Committee.
 - [PRS.19.07](#) – staff debriefing/employee assistance program.
 - (2) In the event of a youth suicide, procedures in [GAP.385.9951](#) are followed.
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