

Crisis Action Steps for Youth Workers

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The ICON "Crisis Action Steps for Youth Workers" guide is designed to provide general guidelines to Orthodox Christian youth workers to make more informed choices when responding to crisis situations. Read more about it, and download the guide in .pdf format.

A youth worker is adult in the Church who officially or unofficially works with youth on a regular basis. A crisis situation is one in which the youth informs the youth worker of a need that demands an immediate response. How should the adult respond in these tough situations?

Situational Topics include:

- Child abuse and domestic violence
- Rape and sexual abuse
- Suicide Threats and Attempts
- Teen Pregnancy
- Alcohol and Drug Addition
- Self Harm (Eating Disorders, Cutting, etc.)
- When Should I Call 911?
- When is Inpatient Treatment Appropriate?
- How Can We get more Training?
- Emergency Phone Numbers for Youth Workers.

This document is not designed to be an authoritative document. Your situation may be different than the one the author considered when she wrote the suggestion. Please always use your best judgement, your knowledge of the specifics of the situation, and your best understanding of the needs of the child when considering what to do. You are also responsible to educate yourself about any laws or organizational policies that may govern your actions.

These suggestions do not constitute advice from a professional. In ALL of these situations the author recommends that you consult a trained professional for specific guidance.

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