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Overview

This bill establishes training requirements for staff of adult foster homes serving individuals with mental illness.

Section

Adult foster care homes serving people with mental illness; certification. Amends § 245A.03, subd. 6a. Adds that staff must receive training in suicide intervention, warning signs, and appropriate responses to these behaviors. Requires a crisis plan for each resident.

Adds paragraph (c) requiring the commissioner to approve the training curriculum. Requires training to be provided by a mental health professional or mental health practitioner. Permits this training to be provided by an individual living with mental illness or a family member of such an individual if this individual is from a nonprofit organization approved by the commissioner. Requires staff to receive training on mental health diagnoses and crisis response before working alone with clients. Requires the remainder of mandatory training to be completed within six months of hire.