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RESPONDING TO ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH NOTETAKING GUIDE

Mental health and mood disorders such as depression, anxiety, ADHD and conduct disorder are prevalent in the youth in the juvenile justice system. It is essential that your juvenile court takes the needs of these youth into account and ensure that you have procedures in place for assessment, treatment, service planning, and case supervision for these youth.

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Commonly found mental health disorders in youth offenders include, affective disorders (major depression, persistent depression, and manic episodes), psychotic disorders, anxiety disorders (panic, separation anxiety, generalized anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder), disruptive behavior disorders (conduct, oppositional defiant disorder, and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder), and substance use disorders.