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Welcome to another issue of the Nebraska Disaster Behavioral Health Newsletter. In this issue you will find updates on activities around the state and country. Please visit our website at: <http://disastermh.nebraska.edu/>

Recent Nebraska Storms

Upcoming Events

July 25

Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference. Click [here](#).

August 12 - 15

2014 Threat Management Conference. For more info, click [here](#).

Nebraska has experienced several severe storms recently bringing tornadoes and heavy hail to several areas of the state. Behavioral health needs in these communities continue to evolve. The American Red Cross has deployed mental health volunteers in several areas to assist volunteers and survivors. This response has been augmented with public health, medical reserve corps, and many volunteers from the community and voluntary organizations active in disaster (VOAD). Visit the Nebraska Disaster Behavioral Health Active Recovery Projects [webpage](#) for behavioral health related disaster recovery information.

Psych First Aid Trainings

(Check in for all sessions 30 minutes before the start time.)

August 14 | 9:00 - 4:30
 Mid Plains Community College, Room 204
 1101 Halligan Drive
 North Platte, NE
 Contact **Shannon Sell** at (308) 534-6029
shannonsell@r2hs.com

September 24

8:30 - 4:30 PM
 Sarpy County Reporting Center,
 7511 S 36th St., Ste 9
 Bellevue, NE
 Contact **Tom McMahon** at (402) 522-7970
tmcmahon@UWMidlands.org

Questions about psychological first aid training may be directed to Kate Speck at (402) 472-0501.

Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference

Reminder - Early Registration Discount Deadline - July 11, 2014

This year's conference will be held at the Embassy Suites in downtown Omaha, Nebraska, and will focus on the psychological consequences of emergencies and disasters. Participants will learn about the impact of exposure to traumatic situations for survivors, responders and communities. This program is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists; participants attending this program can receive 5.0 CEs.

Register now! More information is available on the NE Behavioral Health [website](#). To register, click [here!](#)

SAMSHA Disaster Technical Assistance Center (DTAC) Research Bulletin

A recent (May 2014) research bulletin issued by DTAC highlights the impact of disaster on women. It has long been believed that experiencing disaster has a greater impact on women than on men. Recent research supports that women experience different concerns after disaster than men. Policy implications of this research are noted toward the end of the bulletin, and includes recommendations to address unique challenges faced by pregnant women and caregivers of young children, and to develop greater understanding of the impact of spiritual and religious activities on coping with stress.

Past research bulletins can be viewed at: <http://archive.samhsa.gov/dtac/bulletin-archive.asp>

The May 2014 bulletin is not currently posted on the webpage, but is expected to be soon. You can



sign up to receive future bulletins by entering your email address into the "SAMHSA DTAC Bulletin" section of the SAMHSA DTAC Resources page at <http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/resources.asp>.

Nebraska School Safety & Security Conference

This conference focuses on issues related to school safety and violence prevention for law enforcement, mental health and educators. Presentations include school violence & the changing environment, threat assessment strategies, implementation of threat assessment teams, suicide prevention, and bullying prevention and safety. Registration is free and lunch is included; however, registration is required. [Register Online!](#)

2014 Threat Management Conference

The 2014 ATAP Threat Management Conference will be held at Disneyland Resort Hotel in Anaheim, California. [For more information](#), visit the ATAP worldwide website.

More information at <http://www.disastermh.nebraska.edu/>

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