

NEBRASKA DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



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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/>

2016 Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference

Mitigating violence is the focus of the 2016 Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference, held this year on **July 29, 2016 in Omaha, Nebraska**. Participants will come away with an understanding of the impact of mass violence on individuals and communities, and clinical and behavioral methods to identify and minimize the risk of violence. Behavioral health professionals can receive up to 6.0 APA approved continuing education credits.

Conference objectives:

1. Become familiar with the psychological impact of mass violence on individuals and communities.
2. Distinguish between Violence Risk Assessment and Threat Assessment.
3. Discuss the ethical issues regarding reporting of potentially violent activity.

To register, and for more information about the conference, please visit the conference [webpage](#).

Resources for Behavioral Health Response to Mass Violence

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides several resources for a behavioral health response to mass violence or terrorism. A podcast, [The Behavioral Health Response to Mass Violence](#), informs disaster behavioral health professionals about psychological responses to mass violence and appropriate strategies and interventions to support survivors and mitigate long-term negative mental health consequences. SAMHSA is currently highlighting additional resources that could be helpful in light of the recent shooting at the nightclub in Orlando, Florida, and the anniversary of the Charleston, South Carolina, church shooting. Click [here](#) to access these resources.

SAMHSA also periodically compiles Disaster Behavioral Health Information Series (DBHIS) on various disaster-specific topics. The Terrorism series was recently mentioned in SAMHSA's newsletter, The Dialogue. The Terrorism DBHIS contains resources for a variety of audiences about how to cope with, and help others cope with, the aftermath of a terrorist incident. Click [here](#) to review the DBHIS on Terrorism.

Tornado and Hurricane Season Is Here

Tornado and hurricane season are upon us. These disasters can cause massive infrastructure damage, leave survivors homeless, lead to other disasters like flooding, and even take lives. All of these may compromise the behavioral health of survivors.

SAMHSA's latest Disaster Technical Assistance Center (DTAC) Bulletin provides information on resources that can help prepare for and recover from these disasters. Though this issue of the Bulletin discusses hurricanes, the impact from tornadoes can be similar. Click [here](#) to read the current issue.

Upcoming Events

Nebraska Psychological First Aid Training

June 14, 2016 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Kearney, NE

Contact Beth Reynolds (breyndds@Region3.net, 308-237-5113 ext. 234) or Kate Speck (kspeck2@unl.edu, 402-472-0501) for more information.

Click [here](#) to register.

Nebraska Psychological First Aid - Training of Trainers

June 15, 2016 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Kearney, NE

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June 30, 2016 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Omaha, NE

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