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11th Annual Preparedness Symposia

A Series lead by experienced professionals from a variety of fields. This year includes information on the Red Cross Response to Hurricane Sandy and active shooter response.

NEBRASKA DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



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/>

Resource Spotlight: N-BHERT

Nebraska Behavioral Health Emergency Response Team

The Nebraska Behavioral Health Emergency Response Team (N-BHERT) is a mechanism for organizing and deploying state disaster behavioral health resources.

The team primarily includes state, University and government employees who can be deployed on short notice at the request of the Governor via the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). They may also be sent to aid other states if requested. N-BHERT members were deployed in June 2010 as part of state/federal damage assessment teams after flooding in Nebraska and are ready to assist in local response efforts as needed in the coming year.

For more information about the team, deployment mechanisms, and application information, visit [the N-BHERT information page](#).



State Behavioral Health Director, Dr. Scot Adams (in the decon suit), challenges Nebraska BHERT members during a team training exercise in 2009.

Disaster Behavioral Health Conference

The 2013 Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference will be in

Lincoln, Nebraska at the Cornhusker Marriott.

This conference focuses on issues related to disaster, including: resiliency, ethical issues, PTSD, and children's response to disaster. This event is geared towards:

- Behavioral Health Professionals
- Public Health Officials
- Clergy
- Emergency Managers
- First Responders
- Security Professionals
- Those with responsibilities and/or interest in disaster preparedness, response, or recovery

Confirmed speakers include Dr. George Bonnano (resilience scholar); Dr. Robin Gurwitsch (children's mental health expert); and Dr. Chalmers Clark (ethics scholar).

Click [here](#) to view the website information.

ATAP Spring Regional Conference

April 15th-17th, 2013

The Association of Threat Assessment Professionals is having its Spring Regional ATAP Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, hosted by the Great Plains Chapter.

ATAP Spring Regional Conference is for mental health professionals, law enforcement officers, security professionals, public health officials, emergency managers, first responders, social workers, psychologists, and psychiatrists to learn and recognize how to prepare for and respond to threats in various environments including the workplace, campuses, public events, and private threats.

Registration is limited, therefore early registration is highly recommended. Don't miss this opportunity for three days of training with skilled professionals in beautiful downtown Omaha at the Embassy Suites.

Register online [here](#) or call the ATAP office at 916.231.2140.

If you are not a member of ATAP, you will need to create a login and password in order to access the registration page.

For more information, visit the [ATAP website](#).

Disaster Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in the Aftermath of a Disaster

This free, one-day workshop helps prepare behavioral health practitioners to deliver evidenced-informed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in the aftermath of disaster. Post disaster distress is not a psychiatric diagnosis, yet it encompasses a range of cognitive, emotional and behavioral reactions to disaster.

CEU credits are available (6.0) for Nebraska Licensed Mental Health Practitioners and Nebraska GAP (G10.61). Nebraska Substance Abuse approval is pending.

Date: April 25, 2013 8:30 am - 4:30 am

Join other preparedness professionals to gain insight and learn preparedness and response strategies. For more information and registration, please click [here](#).

Social Vulnerability Approach to Disasters

This webinar is presented by Denise Bulling, PhD, LIMHP and focuses on human, social and economic factors that make people more vulnerable to the effects of disaster. Implications for public health planners, emergency managers and responders will be discussed, including methods to anticipate community recovery needs following a disaster. The webinar is on April 1st at noon. Register [here](#).



Location: Kim Foundation
13609 California St.
Omaha, NE 68154
2nd Floor Conference room

Registration is required and limited to 50 registrants. Register [here](#)

Training for Psychological First Aid

Available through Nebraska's Behavioral Health Regions

Please contact your Regional Disaster Behavioral Health training representative for training opportunities:

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