

# Mental Health First Aid



## Mental Health First Aid added to the Federal Registry of Evidence-based Programs

### **What is Mental Health First Aid Training?**

The Mental Health First Aid program is an eight hour interactive session. It can be conducted as a one day seminar or two half day events. Mental Health First Aid certification must be renewed every three years, and introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments.

### **Who should learn Mental Health First Aid?**

A mental health crisis is more common than most people realize. You are more likely to come across a person having a mental health crisis than a person having a heart attack. Where CPR is common and many people have been trained, the same is not true of Mental Health First Aid. It is crucial that we prepare to help our neighbors, friends, relatives and coworkers when they need help. If you are a professional caregiver, police officer, fireman, minister, priest, rabbi, church volunteer, coach, paramedic, case manager, volunteer or paid staff in any of a hundred different kinds of human service organizations, you will very likely have firsthand contact with people that live with mental illness. Since it is impossible for family doctors, counselors and mental health professionals to know everyone who needs help, the answer to the question:

### **Who needs to know Mental Health First Aid?**

**Everyone**

### **In eight hours, you can become a “Mental Health First Aider”**

Mental Health First Aid will hopefully become as common as CPR and First Aid. It has the potential to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, improve mental health literacy, and empower individuals.

### **In Mental Health First Aid training you will learn:**

- The potential risk factors and warning signs for a range of mental health problems, including: depression, anxiety/trauma, psychosis, substance use disorders, and self-injury.
- An understanding of the prevalence of various mental health disorders in the U.S. and the need for reduced stigma in all communities.
- A 5-step action plan encompassing the skills, resources and knowledge to assess the situation, to select and implement appropriate interventions, and to help the individual in crisis connect with appropriate professional care.
- The evidence-based professional, peer, social, and self-help resources available to help someone with a mental health problem.

If you would like to schedule a Mental Health First Aid training or would like more information, contact:

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