GEORGIA DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

FACT SHEET

The Georgia Disaster Mental Health Response Team (GMH) is made up of licensed mental health professionals in Georgia who volunteer to provide crisis intervention services to disaster survivors and relief works. This fact sheet describes the training and volunteer registration process.

Who should take this training?

The GMH training is for licensed mental health professionals in Georgia.

Who developed this training?

This online training series was originally created by the North Carolina Disaster Response Network and was produced and is hosted by the North Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Georgia Disaster Mental Health Response Team modified modules 1 and 8 to address the specifics of disaster response in the state.

What does this training consist of?

The GMH training is in two parts –- online training modules and skill-building workshop. You must complete all of the online training before you can participate in the sill-building workshop. Both portions of the training must be completed in order for you to register as a member of the GMH and to receive continuing education credit.

How do I participate in the online training?

You must register for the online training and complete all eight modules. At the end of each module, you must successfully complete the post-tests that go along with the modules.

Will I receive a certificate when I take the online training?
Upon successful completion of each post-test, you will receive a certificate for that module. Print out your certificates so you will have a copy for your files. Because this training is hosted by the North Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, your certificate will not say "Georgia." That doesn't matter. It is still valid for the skill-building workshop and GMH membership.

What topics are covered in the online training?

The eight 30-minute web-based modules in this training program cover basic disaster mental health concepts, including:
1 – Introduction to the MA DRN and the Training
2 – Types and Phases of Disasters
3 – Bio-Psycho-Social Responses to Disasters
4 – Mental Health Interventions in Disasters
5 – Resiliency in Disasters
6 – Self-Care for Disaster Responders
7 – Ethical Issues in Disaster Response
8 – Activation for Disasters

To learn more about the online training including instructions on how to register and access the training, go to:
http://nccphp.sph.unc.edu/training/ma_drn/

How do I participate in the skill-building workshop?

After you have completed all eight modules, you will be notified when the next skill-building workshop is scheduled. Be sure to provide an email address when you complete the certificate information section of the on-line training, because that is how we will get in touch with you.

What does the online training cost?
There is no charge to this training or the simulation workshop. The cost of this training is paid for through Federal emergency preparedness funding for the Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

How do I register for the GMH?

After you have completed all training requirements (online training, skill building and National Incident Management Training) described in Module 8 of the online training, you may register as a member of the GMH in Georgia's Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Healthcare Professionals called SERV-GA. The web site is www.servga.gov.

How do I learn more about the Georgia Disaster Mental Health Team?

The goal of the Georgia Disaster Mental Health Team online training is the increase the number of trained mental health professionals who volunteer to respond to disasters. Module 1 of the online training provides additional information about the GMH and the training.

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