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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: 2015 Great Plains DBH http://disastermh.nebraska.edu/

10 Years Later: Remembering Hurricane Katrina

Upcoming Events

Nebraska

Psychological First Aid Training November 6, 2015 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM* *Lunch provided Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare 3801 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68131 Questions? Contact: Joe Kennev 402-444-7719

AHEPP Annual Conference November 17-18, 2015

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9:00 AM start both days CenturyLink Center Omaha. NE 68102



In remembrance of the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has published a special issue of their journal, The Dialogue. This issue focuses on behavioral health response and recovery in the aftermath of the hurricane, including lessons learned by behavioral health response coordinators, and the recovery of specific populations (children, first responders, Native Americans). Click here to access this special issue.

Trauma and Suicide After Disasters

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. In recognition of this, SAMHSA's Disaster Technical Assistance Center has prepared a summary of research related to disasters, suicide, and traumatic stress and related diagnoses. The relationship among these is complex. Although there is good evidence that psychiatric disorders tend to increase after a disaster, actual suicides may or may not increase and may increase in only specific population groups, although which groups varies depending on the disaster. To read more about this, click here.

Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals (AHEPP) Conference November 17-18, 2015 | Omaha, NE

This national conference well educate participants about important disaster preparedness concerns in many types of healthcare facilities. Speakers will include those who have stories from the field and presentations from experts to guide planning efforts. There will also be an opportunity for participants to visit the Nebraska Medicine Biocontainment Unit. Continuing education credits are available.

For more information about the conference, click here. To register for the conference, click here.

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