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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/>

## Flood Safety Awareness

Floods cost over \$8 billion and kill nearly 90 people annually (National Weather Service). Spring and summer have a high potential for flooding in Nebraska due to severe storms and up-river snow melt.

## Upcoming Events

See the resources below to learn more and educate others about floods and their hazards, and how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from floods as safely as possible.

### April 10, 2015

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
 Kearney, NE  
*Psychological First Aid Training*  
 Register [here](#).

- National Child Traumatic Stress Network ([NCTSN](#)) - basic information about floods and their effects on children and families, as well as readiness, response, and recovery activities to protect behavioral and physical health around the time of a flood.
- National Weather Service ([NWS](#)) - information about different kinds of floods and NWS advisories; related hazards; and how to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community in the event of a flood.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) - provides links to web pages and other resources about preparing for a flood, safety for response workers and the public after a flood, water safety, and materials to raise awareness of flood hazards, including a flyer for children, [Feelings After a Flood](#)

### July 10, 2015

Omaha, NE  
*2015 Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference.*  
 Additional information will be posted on the NE Disaster Behavioral Health [website](#) as it becomes available.

## 2015 Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference

**Save the Date - Friday, July 10, 2015**



The Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference will focus this year on the psychological consequences of emergencies and disasters for first responders, particularly fire and rescue personnel. Participants will come away with an understanding of the impact of exposure to traumatic situations for responders, and what assistance can help responders cope with this exposure. Ethical issues to consider when providing disaster behavioral health after a disaster will also be presented.

The conference will be held at the Hilton in downtown Omaha, Nebraska. Registration information and additional conference details will be available soon at the Nebraska Disaster Behavioral Health [website](#).

## Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals (AHEPP)

To learn about AHEPP member benefits (such as discounted conference registration), upcoming events, and to become a founding member please go to the AHEPP [website](#). Founding members receive significantly reduced membership dues (offer until June 1, 2015).

Registration is open for the **1st Annual AHEPP Conference**, November 17-18, 2015 in Omaha, NE at the Century Link Center. This conference will guide attendees through the most important disaster preparedness concerns for healthcare facilities. The conference will include speakers with stories from the field, and experts that will help guide planning efforts. Register for the conference [here](#).

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More information at <http://www.disastermh.nebraska.edu/>

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