

NEBRASKA DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



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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/>

Nebraska Risk Communication Cadre

The Nebraska Risk Communication Cadre (RCC) presented to state agency Public Information Officers (PIOs) at a Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Workshop on January 31, 2017. Risk communication messaging is used by emergency management, corrections, public health, behavioral health, and various other agencies to provide public information during a crisis or emergency. At the workshop, participants learned from RCC members the process of working as a team to develop effective messaging. This presentation featured both an overview of the use of messages prepared in advance and available for emergencies, and an active demonstration of the essential components of creating messages.

Those interested in learning more about the Risk Communication Cadre can contact Stacey Hoffman, Ph.D., at the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center ([click here](#) to send an email message).

SAMHSA Dialogue: Public Health Emergencies

The most recent SAMHSA Dialogue newsletter highlights disaster behavioral health response to public health emergencies in communities across the United States. This includes responses to the drinking water crisis in Flint, Michigan; a jump in HIV and hepatitis C cases in a rural town; and public information to address anxiety during last year's Zika outbreak.

Links to recommended resources for public health emergencies are also provided.

You can obtain the full issue [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Nebraska Psychological First Aid Training

May 22, 2017 | 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM | Omaha, NE

Contact Pam Denney (Pamela.Denney@alegent.org, 402-717-2621) or Kate Speck (kspeck2@unl.edu, 402-472-0501) for more information.

Click [here](#) to register.

Nebraska Psychological First Aid Training

June 27, 2017 | 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM | Scottsbluff, NE

Contact Sue Teal (steal@region1bhs.net, 308-632-4412) or Kate Speck (kspeck2@unl.edu, 402-472-0501) for more information.

Registration opens after April 15. Click [here](#) to register.

Nebraska Psychological First Aid - Training of Trainers

June 28, 2017 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM | Scottsbluff, NE

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Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference

July 27 - 28, 2017 | Omaha, NE

Additional information is available on the [conference](#) webpage,

Registration available soon.

Coming Soon!

Psychological First Aid Online Refresher Training

Training launch will be announced in a future issue of this newsletter, and online at:

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