

FOUNDATIONS IN DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH

Presenters: Marti Ellis, Psy.D. & Ron Ellis, Psy.D.

Saturday, August 29, 2009 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Please note: There is NO fee for this workshop

The purpose of this basic level Disaster Services training program is to prepare mental health professionals to provide for and respond to the psychological needs of individuals across the continuum of disaster preparedness, response and recovery. This workshop consists of a series of presentations, interactive discussions, and table group activities designed to support participants' learning of the key concepts, knowledge and skills required of anyone who is assigned to Disaster Mental Health (DMH). To the extent possible, this experience allows participants to apply their learning to real world examples that reflect the work-related challenges experienced by DMH, be it on a Disaster Action Team response or serving on a larger relief operation.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the psychological impact of disasters on adults, children, families, and communities
- Apply the interventions used by Red Cross mental health workers with clients, including adults, children, families, responders, and disaster workers
- Describe the mental health role in disaster response and recovery and the context within which disaster services can be provided
- Describe the legal and ethical implications of disaster mental health work, including licensing, HIPAA regulations, confidentiality, and professional ethics
- Identify the fundamental principles and mission of the American Red Cross, the disaster services structure and the disaster settings in which mental health professionals work
- Describe the collaborative relationships that the Red Cross has with federal, state, and county agencies, national and state mental health associations and other voluntary agencies

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Dr. Marti Ellis and Dr. Ron Ellis hold doctor of psychology degrees in clinical psychology from Nova Southeastern University, and have been in private practice for sixteen years. Following the 9/11 tragedy, they served on the Broward County Chapter of the American Red Cross. For the last four years they have been co-coordinators of the Mental Health Team of the Broward County chapter of the American Red Cross. They have also provided relief efforts after Hurricanes Wilma and Katrina, and during other natural disasters within the community.

PROGRAM AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and refreshments
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	The Red Cross response and working with adult disaster clients
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Meeting the needs of children and families
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Working with Red Cross staff and disaster relief staff
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Organizational stress management
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Professional, ethical, and legal Issues
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Becoming involved in disaster relief efforts

PROGRAM LOCATION

Nova Southeastern University
Center for Psychological Studies
Maltz Psychology Building, Room 2057
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796

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