

Disaster Management

In today's world there are many types of disasters, both big and small. In the traumatic aftermath of the event, you have many victims, such as:

- People directly affected by the event
- People impacted as a result of the event
- People who responded to the event
- Emergency Services personnel
- Volunteers who have come to help others

Lots of well meaning people often volunteer to help, but may have no, or at best inadequate, training or experience in the specific effects of disaster trauma. They themselves may be traumatized by the event, or may actually "hurt" the victims by their lack of skills in disaster management.

This one day workshop is designed to assist in planning for the psychological reactions to trauma in the aftermath of a community disaster, whether of a natural or man-made origin. It provides a model for organizing an appropriate response and determining the resources available within the community and its surrounding areas

Course Objectives:

Participants who complete this course will be able to:

1. list 8 of the psychological effects of disaster trauma on victims and responders
2. list 3 appropriate responses to victims and responders in during various stages of recovery from the disaster
3. list 3 approaches to psychological response training for disaster volunteers
4. practice organizing a response to a local disaster as a role play
5. develop a plan for bringing a disaster response process into their community

Assignments:

Participants are expected to actively engage in dialogue with the instructors and other participants during interactive segments of the course.

Evaluation:

There will be an opportunity for the participants to complete an evaluation of the course and the instructor. Depending on the requirements of the hosting organization, there may be a short post-test of the material at the end of the seminar.