

ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

**Disaster Mental Health: A Critical Response - Provider Course  
FLRTC-DMHACR-01**

**Course Goals:**

- Provide Mental Health, Hospital Staff and Spiritual Care Professionals with the knowledge and skills to respond to the mental health and spiritual needs of individuals, their families and other hospital personnel in the immediate aftermath of disasters and other emergencies.
- Strengthen the disaster response interface between community-based disaster mental health teams and healthcare facility-based teams within the community and state

**Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the key phases of disaster preparedness, response and recovery and the roles assumed by mental health and spiritual care professionals along this continuum.
- Understand the range of psychological, psychosocial and psycho-spiritual reactions that individuals experience in the aftermath of disasters
- Understand the key interventions and activities utilized by mental health and spiritual care professionals in responding to the psychological, psychosocial and psycho-spiritual reactions of disaster survivors and responders.
- Understand the key mechanisms of self-care and how to transition back to normalcy after a disaster response/disaster relief operation

**Preferred Eligibility Criteria:**

- Licensed/Certified healthcare or mental health provider
- Spiritual Care Provider
- Previous Knowledge/Experience in Emergency Disaster Mental Health or Spiritual Care

**Instructors:**

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Emergency Preparedness Coordinator  
Erie County Medical Center
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Mental Health Emergency Planning Coordinator  
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**Training Dates:**

- **April 15-16, 2015 @ 8:30am - 4:30pm**  
Genesee County Fire Training Center  
Batavia, NY
- **May 27-28, 2015 @ 8:30am - 4:30pm**  
Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation  
Auburn, NY

**Pre-Course Materials:**

All course participants are required to review/complete a series of attachments prior to attending the training. Please click on the links below to review the following 3 journal articles which highlight many stressors faced by disaster survivors and response personnel.

1. A Survivor's Story
2. Egypt Air 990 Reflections
3. An Unwelcome Olympic Event

After reviewing these articles, complete the Disaster Mental Health: Personal, Family and Work Life Inventory and be prepared to share some of your responses and reactions in class. This inventory can be an invaluable tool to assess your readiness to participate on a hospital and/or county disaster mental health team.

All course participants are responsible for downloading and/or printing the DMH:ACR Participant Course Manual. Pre-printed manuals will not be provided.

**How to Register:**

To register for training please click <https://www.nylearnsph.com> and search course catalog for: **FLRTC-DMHACR-01**

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