

Dear Disaster Mental Health Colleague:

The 9th annual conference of the Institute for Disaster Mental Health (IDMH) is scheduled to be held April 20, 2012 at SUNY New Paltz. The conference will consist of a set of trainings that will focus on building responder capacity and resilience through effective stress management and self-care strategies. Disaster response, emergency management, and trauma work are intrinsically and uniquely stressful and it is essential that the inherent occupational hazards be mitigated through proactive stress management approaches.

Through a close collaboration with the State Office of Emergency Management (SOEM) and the IDMH the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Office of Emergency Preparedness is pleased to be able to offer a limited number of SOEM sponsored scholarships to healthcare. The scholarships will cover the registration fee, lunch and parking. CEUs, transportation and lodging are not covered through scholarship. Since there are a limited number of scholarships available applicants will be selected on first come, first serve basis.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship please click on <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IDMH9> and apply by February 27, 2012. Selected scholarship recipients will receive an email notification the week of February 27, 2012.

A hospital may consider submitting the conference as an alternate training activity through their respective DOH HPP field staff if not able to complete all of this year's HPP Contract deliverables or has already completed deliverables. Refer to your HPP contract for instructions for requesting an alternate activity.

A conference brochure is attached.

Thank you.



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