



Mental Health Consequences of Mass Violence Recorded Session HPP Deliverable # 5



Background

Once again, OMH and NYSDOH will co-sponsor a training that will be simultaneously web streamed throughout New York State. This year's training, developed with the Institute for Disaster Mental Health (IDMH) at SUNY New Paltz, will explore mental health consequences of mass violence resulting in multiple victims and widespread psychological effects for diverse impacted groups. These events include mass shootings in schools, nightclubs, businesses and other settings, as well as terrorist attacks using bombs or other powerful conventional weapons. They could also result from the use of non-traditional weapons like the wave of recent attacks in Europe where individual perpetrators have intentionally driven trucks into crowds. Extensive research on trauma reactions makes it evident that these events share two particularly challenging characteristics: 1) They are large in scope, impacting many individuals and destabilizing their recovery environment; and 2) they involve intentional interpersonal violence which typically correlates with more extreme and long-lasting psychological distress than natural disasters or accidents and also are likely to result in a highly complex and protracted response requiring cooperation among emergency management, law enforcement, healthcare, and mental health professionals to support the needs of survivors. This webcast will address not only how to treat survivors' mental health consequences but how to do so within the broader context of the disaster response – including considerations for the psychosocial reactions of the responders themselves.

Target Audience

Mental health professionals who may be called upon to respond to disasters in a community or in a healthcare setting.

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LMS Registration

To enroll in the training, go to www.NYlearnsPH.com and either register or login to the LMS and search Course Catalog for: **OHEP-DMHRec-2018**.

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