



## Disaster Mental Health: A Survivor's Perspective Hospital Preparedness Program Deliverable 5

### Background

As we continue to emerge from the stress of the pandemic, this year's webcast will return to focusing on the impact of more traditional disasters and the need they generate for trained mental health support, through a conversation between two people with first-hand experience in the field. **Molly Maurer** survived two mass shootings within a year of each other, at the Las Vegas Route 91 Harvest music festival in 2017 and the Borderline Bar and Grill 2018. After those attacks, Molly began working on her own mental health journey. She found healing through the Give an Hour organization and started attending their weekly support groups for mass shooting survivors. She later began working for Give an Hour as the peer lead for the Route 91 Heals Peer Support project. She is currently using her own experiences to help guide and support mass shooting survivors to their own healing journey through her work as the program coordinator for the Route 91 Heals project.

**Christie Rodgers, MSW, LICSW**, is now the Manager of Talent and Organizational Development for the American Red Cross (ARC). In her previous role managing the ARC Disaster Mental Health (DMH) program, Christie led an overhaul of the ARC DMH program, including the introduction of a new evidence-based assessment protocol for DMH responders. She provided DMH leadership and technical assistance for every major domestic disaster between 2013 and 2018 and she responded in-person to more than 10 national disasters, including serving as an operational leader at the Las Vegas shooting. Christie is a clinical social worker with expertise in trauma and attachment.

**Molly and Christie will discuss their respective experiences both needing and providing mental health support, the importance of Disaster Mental Health-specific training, and the impact working in this area can take on helpers.**

### Target Audience

Mental health, hospital, public health workers, or anyone likely to become involved in the disaster response in their communities.

### Live Stream Virtual Training

[Tuesday, April 4, 2023 - 2:00 - 3:30 PM](#)

### Registration

To enroll in the training, please go to [www.NYLearnSPH.com](http://www.NYLearnSPH.com) and either register or login to the LMS. Search Course Catalog for: [OHEP-BP4-HPP5](#) OR click this shortcut to the course enrollment page on the [LMS](#).

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