

Psychological First Aid for Training Coordinators

UASPH-CPHP 2017 PFA

Background:

Psychological First Aid (PFA) is an evidence-informed approach that provides staff and volunteers with practical ways to help people with their basic needs and immediate concerns during a disaster. The University at Albany Center for Public Health Preparedness (UACPHP) collaborated with the Institute of Disaster Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz (IDMH), the NYS DOH, the NYS OMH and other partners to develop a **PFA Training Coordinator Guide**. The Guide helps training coordinators tailor learning and skills based PFA activities to local needs and resources.

Purpose of Training:

This training will provide participants with the resources and knowledge needed to implement PFA training within an organization or facility.

Course objectives:

At the end of the education sessions, learners will be able to:

- Describe what PFA is and why it is important;
- Recognize the importance of PFA as a key mechanism for enhancing Workforce Resilience;
- Identify the core components of PFA;
- Identify existing online PFA courses and resources;
- Describe how to select and modify PFA training resources & scenarios for a target audience;
- Identify policies and practices to support PFA training
- Implement scenario specific interactive PFA practice based sessions to facilitate skill acquisition; and
- Identify local behavioral health resources to support PFA training activities within your organization/facility.

Target Audience:

- Public health, Hospital or other Healthcare agency (LT Care, Home Care, etc.) preparedness or emergency management coordinators who arrange or provide emergency training in their organization

Target Audience (cont.)

- Other agency training coordinators with staff who participate in emergency response, to include Emergency Management, Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement.
- Training or Volunteer Coordinators who work with volunteers who participate in emergency response, including MRC, CERT, CART, Red Cross, VOAD, etc.

Training Dates:

Region	Date	Time	Location
WNY	June 14, 2017	Registration: 8am Program: 8:30-11:30am	Erie County Fire Training Center Cheektowaga, NY

- Refreshments will be provided at training.
- CNE, CME, CHES & CPH credits available (see page 2).
- CE credit available to licensed social workers (see pg2)

How to Register:

To register for the training, please click <https://www.nylearnsph.com> and either register or login to the LMS. Search Course Catalog for **Psychological First Aid for Training Coordinators or UASPH-CPHP 2017 PFA** and enroll in a session OR search the calendar for June 14th.

Travel: Non-HEPC members should contact cphp@albany.edu or 518-402-2066 for more information on travel accommodations or travel reimbursement.

Questions Regarding Training:

Direct questions to the University at Albany CPHP at cphp@albany.edu or 518-402-2066

Sponsored by the University at Albany Schools of Public Health and Social Welfare and the Institute for Disaster Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz.

Pre-requisite: Participants without previous PFA training are recommended to complete the following online course on PFA as background study.

[Psychological First Aid: A Minnesota Community Supported Model](#)

University of Minnesota School of Public Health

45 minutes, self-paced

Accreditation statements:

Continuing Nurse Education Contact Hours

The University at Albany School of Public Health is an Approved Provider of continuing nurse education by the Northeast Multi-State Division, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This offering is approved for 3 nursing contact hours.

Continuing Medical Education

The School of Public Health, University at Albany is accredited by the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The School of Public Health, University at Albany designates this live activity for a maximum of 3.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

CHES Accreditation

This activity is sponsored by the School of Public Health, University at Albany, SUNY, a designated provider of continuing education contact hours (CECH) in health education by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. This program is designated for the CEHS to receive up to 3.0 Category I CECH contact hours.

CPH Accreditation

This event is sponsored by School of Public Health, University at Albany, an approved provider of CPH Renewal Credits by the National Board of Public Health Examiners. This offering is approved for 3.0 Certified in Public Health Renewal Credits.

Disclosure Statement:

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SOCIAL WORK CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

In order to receive 3.0 Continuing Education credit for this workshop, you must:

- Arrive on time, stay for the entirety of the program and leave at the scheduled end time for the workshop. Be advised that the NYS Education Department, which sets the standards for social work licensure, does not allow partial credit to be awarded.
- Sign in and sign out of the program.
- Be a licensed social worker in New York State.

To obtain your Continuing Education certificate:

- Once the University at Albany receives verification of your completion of the workshop, we will email you a link which will bring you to an online Continuing Education evaluation form. You should expect to complete this within the next 5 business days.
- At the end of the online evaluation you will be provided with a link to a PDF file containing your Continuing Education certificate, which you will be able to save and print.
- Please contact us at sswceu@albany.edu should you have any questions or concerns.