

# DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TO A MASS SHOOTING INCIDENT: VICTIMS, FIRST RESPONDERS AND COMMUNITY

## **RECORDED SESSION**

#### Overview

This recorded training focused on the needs of a wide spectrum of individuals who are affected by a mass shooting event; surviving victims, families of those wounded or killed, witnesses of the attack and first responders and receivers.

While the training focused on disaster mental health interventions for these disparate groups it also addressed the characteristics that may shape the immediate response to mass shootings – for example, how necessary law enforcement actions may affect survivors' experiences during the event and how the common politicization of these events may increase subsequent distress.

The training, sponsored by SUNY New Paltz Institute of Disaster Mental Health, used an applied approach, teaching specific skills and providing opportunities to practice them, during the course of the webcast. It also incorporated personal stories from individuals who have provided DMH services to those directly involved in a mass shooting incident.

#### **Target Audience**

Disaster Mental Health Responders.

#### **Faculty**

- James Siemianowski, Director, Quality Management & Improvement Division, Connecticut Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services
- Kathryn Dean, MSSW, Coordinator, Connecticut Disaster Behavioral Health Response Network, Connecticut Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services

#### Registration

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