

Mental Health First Aid

Why Mental Health First Aid?

- Provides understanding and identification of Mental Health challenges
- Know how to respond to signs of Mental Health challenges
- Identify substance use and challenges among adults

What It Covers?

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges
- Common signs of substance use challenges
- How to interact with a person in crisis
- How to connect a person to available services
- Expanded context on trauma, substance use, and self-care

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WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

On average,

130

people die by
suicide every day.

*Source: American Foundation
for Suicide Prevention*

From 1999 to 2019,

841,000

people died from
drug overdoses.

*Source: Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention*

Nearly

1 IN 5

in the U.S. lives
with a mental illness.

*Source: National Institute
of Mental Health*

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

- Employers.
- Police officers.
- Hospital staff.
- First responders.
- Caring individuals.

WHAT IT COVERS

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect a person with help.
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use and self-care.

Learn how to respond with the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (**ALGEE**):

- A** **ssess** for risk of suicide or harm.
- L** **isten** nonjudgmentally.
- G** **ive** reassurance and information.
- E** **ncourage** appropriate professional help.
- E** **ncourage** self-help and other support strategies.

THREE WAYS TO LEARN

- **In-person (2nd Edition)** – Learners receive their training during a 7.5-hour, Instructor-led, in-person session.
- **Blended** – Learners complete a 2-hour, self-paced online course, and participate in a 4.5- to 5.5-hour, Instructor-led training. This Instructor-led Training can be:
 - » A video conference.
 - » An in-person class.

Sources

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To find a course or contact a Mental Health First Aid Instructor in your area, visit MHFA.org or email Hello@MentalHealthFirstAid.org.