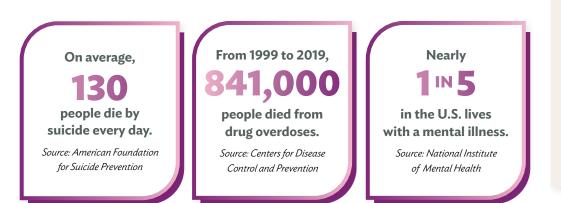


MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

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.



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.

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.

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.

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