



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Register for one of the dates below or schedule a training for your community

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2023 *Virtual Training Dates:*

adult Jan. 31, 2023
youth Feb. 7, 2023
adult Feb. 17, 2023
adult Mar. 8, 2023
all dates: 8:30am - 4:00pm

WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

On average,

123

people die by suicide each day.

– American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

From 1999 to 2016,

630,000

people died from drug overdose.

– Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Nearly

1 IN 5

U.S. adults lives with a Mental Illness.

– National Institute of Mental Health via the National Survey on Drug Use and Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

THREE LEARNING OPTIONS

- **VIRTUAL.** First Aiders will complete a 2-hour, self-paced online course, and then participate in a 4.5 to 5.5-hour, Instructor-led video conference.
- **BLENDED LEARNING.** After completing a 2-hour, self-paced online course, First Aiders will participate in a 4.5-hour, in-person, Instructor-led class.
- **IN-PERSON.** First Aiders will receive their training as an 8-hour, Instructor-led, in-person course.

WHO SHOULD TAKE IT

- Employers
- Police officers
- Hospital staff
- First responders
- Faith leaders
- Community members
- Caring individuals

WHAT IT COVERS

- Common signs and symptoms of mental illness
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use
- How to interact with a person in crisis
- How to connect the person with help
- **NEW:** Expanded content on trauma, addiction and self-care

The course will teach you how to apply the **ALGEE** action plan:

- **Assess** for risk of suicide or harm.
- **Listen** nonjudgmentally.
- **Give** reassurance and information.
- **Encourage** appropriate professional help.
- **Encourage** self-help and other support strategies.