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AMERICAN RED CROSS FOUNDATIONS OF DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

Saturday, August 6th 8am – 12noon

2011 APA Convention – Washington, DC

The American Psychological Association (APA) Disaster Response Network and the American Red Cross in the National Capital Region will be offering the American Red Cross Foundations of Disaster Mental Health Training on Saturday August 6th, 8am to 12noon at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel in downtown Washington, DC.

The training is free and open to all licensed mental health professionals.

This training is part of the preparation for licensed mental health professionals to be eligible to work on ARC disaster relief operations*. Participants who successfully complete the training will receive a Red Cross Foundations of Disaster Mental Health card that they can use to enroll in disaster services through their local Red Cross chapter.

There are two training pre-requisites:

- Participants must send a copy of their current license to the APA DRN Office at least two weeks prior to the training (Deadline: Friday, July 22, 2011).
- Participants must complete the brief online ARC course "Introduction to Disaster Services" at http://www.redcross.org/flash/course01_v01

Please note: The training will only be held if a minimum number of participants register. Please contact the APA DRN Office no later than Friday, July 8, 2011 to register (Kate Kelley (kkelley@apa.org or 1-800-374-2723) or Margie Bird (mbird@apa.org or 1-800-374-2723). Registrants will be informed shortly after July 8th whether there are enough participants for the training to be held.

No APA CE credit is available for this training.

**Training participants who are interested in becoming Red Cross volunteers will also need to complete an application, a health status record, a background check, and ARC's Psychological First Aid course. Some states have additional requirements (e.g. CPR, First Aid). Participants can learn the requirements of their state by contacting their local Red Cross chapter.*