



In Search Of: Finding Research on Disaster Mental Health in PsycEXTRA®

Situation

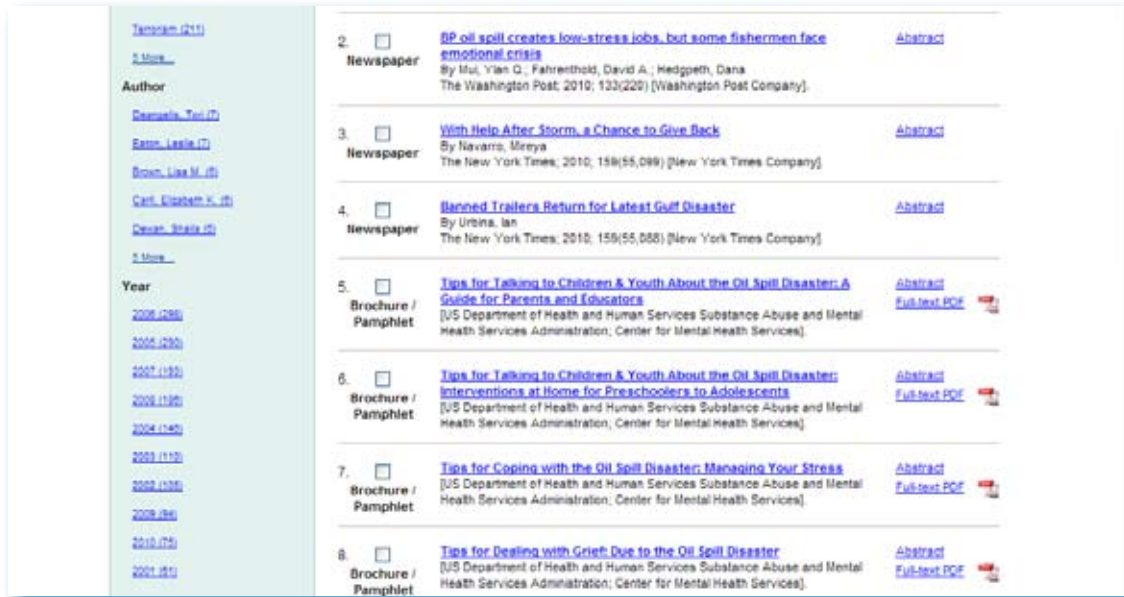
The number of natural and manmade disasters in recent years seems to be increasing. What information is available on public web sites on disasters? Can we find some very recent publications on disasters?

We will go to the APA PsycNET platform and select PsycEXTRA as the database to search. We can cast a wide net in our search and enter “disaster*” and select Keywords from the drop-down menu:

The screenshot shows the APA PsycNET search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: SEARCH, BROWSE, TERM FINDER, and MY PsycNET. Below these, there are checkboxes for selecting databases: PsycINFO, PsycARTICLES, PsycBOOKS, PsycEXTRA (checked), PsycCRITIQUES, and Select ALL. The main search area is titled 'LOOK FOR' and contains a search box with the text 'disaster*' and a dropdown menu set to 'end'. To the right of the search box is a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search box, there are options for 'ONLY SHOW CONTENT WHERE' and 'DATE'. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of search fields: Any Field, Any Field, Author, Keywords (selected), Title, Abstract, Affiliation, Content Owner, Correspondence, OCL Number, Geographic Location, Grant/Sponsorship, Index Terms, ISSN, ISSN, Language, Publication Date, Publisher, and Release Date.



The results are numerous and mostly published in the last 10 years:



These results include magazines, press releases, newspaper articles, reports, brochures and pamphlets, and newsletters, most of which have links to the full text.

Here are some sample titles:

Citations

Role of the African American Church in Overcoming Long-Term Disaster Responses. Aten, Jamie D.; Topping, Sharon; Tucker, Brent T.

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In Haiti, mental health system is in collapse. Sontag, Deborah The New York Times; 2010; 159(54,985).

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Earthquake in Chile: Situation Report #8.

Crisis Data Management: A Forum Guide to Collecting and Managing Data About Displaced Students.

Counselors Help NJ Haitian-Americans Deal with Trauma of Earthquake.

NCCTS Leadership: Psychological First Aid.

“Safe hospitals” on the global political agenda. *Disasters: Preparedness and Mitigation in the Americas*; 2009; No. 112.

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Psychological first aid utilization by health systems. *The Dialogue*; 2009; 5(3).
