

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

On average, there are

129

SUICIDES A DAY.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

From 1999 to 2017,

700,000 %

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*

Why Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid teaches you **how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders**. This 8-hour 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 appropriate care.

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:** How to administer naloxone in the event of an opioid overdose.

WHO SHOULD TAKE IT

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

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

More than 1 million trained!

TO FIND A COURSE OR CONTACT AN INSTRUCTOR IN YOUR AREA, VISIT
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