

MHAPBC is partnering with the American Red Cross



The American Red Cross Disaster Cycle Services is client facing throughout the entire disaster cycle of preparedness, response and recovery. DCS response provides relief when disasters strike for those affected by a disaster. Every day, the American Red Cross delivers help, hope and healing every **8 minutes to people affected by disasters - most of which are home fires**.

Mental Health Professionals who desire to serve in their communities in times of disaster or crisis are urged to join their local American Red Cross Chapter before a disaster happens. With its effective infrastructure and resources, the Red Cross is at the forefront of disaster response education and training. The Red Cross actively recruits, trains, and deploys licensed mental health professionals to provide support services to those affected by disasters and workers across the entire disaster cycle. We are always looking to recruit new Disaster Mental Health volunteers to provide support within the local community for both small and large-scale disasters, and, on out-of-state relief operations.

The American Red Cross responds to over 70,000 disasters each year and our Disaster Mental Health team members are an *essential* part of this American Red Cross service provision. *We need your talent and skills* to help us meet our commitment to

help **prepare** our communities with the goal of making them more disaster resilient, to **respond** to those impacted by a disaster to meet their immediate emotional and other needs and to continue that support during the very important phase of **recovery**.

To learn more please join us and your Palm Beach County Mental Health Association colleagues for an informational workshop!

WHEN: Thursday, September 27th, 12 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: American Red Cross, West Palm office – 1250 Northpoint Parkway, West Palm Beach 33407

WHAT: Our staff will provide a brief introduction to the American Red Cross organization, our services, and an overview of the role of Disaster Mental workers. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Space is limited so RSVP's are required. To RSVP, or, for more information please contact:

Colleen Raniere, Sr. Recruitment Specialist at: <u>Colleen.Raniere@redcross.org</u>, or, by phone at: 561-718-4489.

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