

Disaster Mental Health Conference and Red Cross Training in Galveston June 9-10, 2006

On June 9, 2006, at the UTMB Levin Hall from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, a conference will be conducted titled, "Calming the Waters: Disaster Mental Health in Galveston County." The objectives of the conference are to:

- Evaluate the role of mental health and pastoral services to disasters in Galveston County.
- Apply the incident command structure into disaster scenarios.
- Formulate an appropriate response to a disaster scenario and assess the gaps in resources and training through the use of a tabletop exercise.
- Develop actions to improve mental health response capability to disasters in Galveston County.

Target Audience for the “Calming the Waters” conference

The target audience for this conference includes mental health providers, pastoral care counselors and community leaders. Cost of the conference is \$25.00 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. CEUs are being requested for Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists.

Red Cross: Foundations of Disaster Mental Health Training

In conjunction with the conference, the American Red Cross will be hosting their Foundations of Disaster Mental Health class on June 10th, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the Texas A&M University campus in Galveston. The goal is to train additional mental health professionals to be able to provide mental health services to individuals staying in shelters following a disaster in Galveston County. Cost of the training is \$15.00 and includes lunch.

Target Audience for the Red Cross Training

The target audience for this training includes licensed mental health professionals considering becoming involved in Red Cross disaster mental preparedness, response and recovery activities at their local chapter and/or national disaster relief operations. To attend the Red Cross training you must be a Mental Health professional with a current state license which allows them to practice independently. (Psychiatrist, Psychologist who are not limited to school practice, LPC, LMFT, LCSW, RN with psych. experience) **8 hours/CEU's awarded.**

Registration

To register or get more information about each of these events go to www.gchd.org/btindex.htm.

Sponsors

These programs are being sponsored by the Galveston Unit of the American Red Cross, Devereux Texas Treatment Network, the Family Service Center, the Galveston County Health District, the Gulf Coast Center, Texas A&M University at Galveston, and the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.