

# FUNDAMENTALS OF DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH

***Presenters: Marti Ellis, Psy.D. & Ron Ellis, Psy.D.***

**Friday, September 9, 2016 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

**\*Please note: There is NO FEE for this workshop\***

The purpose of this basic level Disaster Services training program is to prepare mental health professionals to provide for and respond to the psychological needs of individuals across the continuum of disaster preparedness, response and recovery. This workshop introduces the key concepts, knowledge, and skills required of anyone who is assigned to Disaster Mental Health (DMH) activities. It provides participants the opportunity to apply their learning to real-world examples that reflect the challenges experienced by DMH workers, be it on a Disaster Action Team response or serving on a larger relief operation.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the mission of disaster mental health and how it fits into the array of Red Cross services provided by chapters and on disaster relief operations
- Explain the psychological impact of disaster and how to apply the three elements of disaster mental health intervention
- Discuss strategies to assist disaster survivors and Red Cross workers, including addressing functional needs and incorporating cultural awareness
- Identify and employ force health protection strategies to mitigate the effects of disaster stress on workers
- Describe the legal and ethical implications of disaster mental health work, including licensing, HIPAA regulations, confidentiality, and professional ethics

## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

**Dr. Marti Ellis** and **Dr. Ron Ellis** hold doctor of psychology degrees in clinical psychology from Nova Southeastern University, and have been in private practice for over twenty years. Following the 9/11 tragedy, they served on the Broward County Chapter of the American Red Cross. For the last five years they have been co-coordinators of the Mental Health Team of the American Red Cross for all of South Florida, which includes Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties. They have also provided relief efforts after Hurricanes Wilma and Katrina, and during other natural disasters within the community.

## PROGRAM AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration and refreshments  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Disaster mental health and the Red Cross  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Psychological impact of disasters and how to assist disaster survivors  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ethical and legal implications of disaster mental health work

## PROGRAM LOCATION

Nova Southeastern University  
College of Psychology  
Maxwell Maltz Building, Room 2057  
3301 College Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796

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