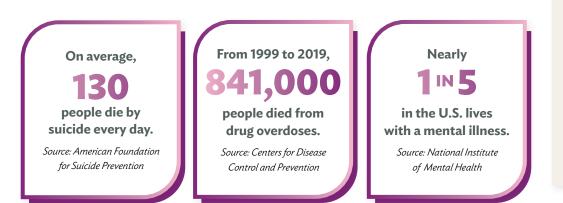


# MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

#### WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.



## WHO NEEDS TO KNOW MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

- Employers.
- Police officers.
- Hospital staff.
- First responders.
- Caring individuals.

### WHAT IT COVERS

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect a person with help.
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use and self-care.

#### **THREE WAYS TO LEARN**

- In-person (2nd Edition) Learners receive their training during a 7.5-hour, Instructor-led, in-person session.
- **Blended** Learners complete a 2-hour, self-paced online course, and participate in a 4.5- to 5.5-hour, Instructor-led training. This Instructor-led Training can be:
  - » A video conference.
  - » An in-person class.



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Learn how to respond with the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (ALGEE):

- A ssess for risk of suicide or harm.
- L isten nonjudgmentally.
- G ive reassurance and information.
- E ncourage appropriate professional help.
- **E** ncourage self-help and other support strategies.

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