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Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

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Featured Article

Behavioral Health Services for Community Resiliency



As an emergency response winds down, the next phase, recovery, often marks the start of a long and complex journey to return a community to a sense of “normalcy.” This period almost always requires some form of behavioral health services. Behavioral health needs impact every age range and demographic and can be addressed through a variety of tools: psychological first aid administration, case management, crisis response teams, individual crisis counseling, information and referral services, etc. Children and youth are especially high-risk for post-disaster behavioral health issues. In September 2018, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) released a research bulletin, [Behavioral Health Conditions in Children and Youth Exposed to Natural Disasters](#).

MRC units are uniquely poised to support these needs through highly trained volunteers who have an unrivaled knowledge of their own local communities. [Read More](#)

MRC/NACCHO Connection

Resource of the Month: Vector Control Field Operations Manual

[The Zika Virus: Vector Control District Support Field Operations Manual](#) (FOM) provides information, procedures, and supporting documents for MRC Los Angeles and partner agencies deployed to the field in support of the Vector Control Districts.

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MRC TRAIN: Where are the user guides?

MRC unit leaders (and some volunteers) often ask for user guides or other resources to help volunteers get started and acquainted with the MRC TRAIN platform. Based on feedback from multiple TRAIN Learning Network partners and learners, we created a set of tutorials.

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[NACCHO's subject matter expert advisory workgroup application process](#) is officially open. These workgroups play an important role in helping to shape NACCHO's public policy work here in DC and in communities across the country. NACCHO encourages all members of local health departments to consider applying. Descriptions of each workgroup may be [found here](#). Most workgroups meet monthly via conference call and, pending availability of funding, may meet in person annually. More details about the expectations and benefits of serving on a NACCHO workgroup may be [found here](#). Applications will be accepted through April 22. [Read More](#)

Announcements

Healthcare Coalition Response Leadership Courses

ASPR is offering 11 [Healthcare Coalition Response Leadership Courses](#) at the Center for Domestic Preparedness' campus in Anniston, Alabama this year. [Read More](#)

ASPR National Disaster Pediatric Initiative

Children make up 25% of the national population and often require special medical care after disasters. To address this concern, ASPR is developing a [National Disaster Pediatric Initiative](#), which will include a pilot project. To collect innovative ideas, ASPR is currently accepting idea submissions. [Read More](#)

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[New Mexico health officials: Medical volunteers needed to help migrants at border](#)

Conferences

[National Hurricane Conference](#)

April 22-25, 2019
New Orleans, LA

[National VOAD Conference 2019](#)

May 6-9, 2019
Nashville, TN

[NACCHO Annual](#)

July 9-11, 2019
Orlando, FL

Webinars

- [Cultural Competence in Preparedness Planning](#)
Wednesday, April 24, 2019
1:00pm - 2:00pm EST
- [Hidden Consequences: The Opioid Epidemic and Rising Hepatitis B Rates](#)
Monday, May 20, 2019
2:00pm - 3:00pm EST
- [Hospital-Based Incident Command Systems: Small and Rural Hospitals](#)
Webinar Recording

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