Psychological First Aid (PFA)

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Using PFA Virtual Care in a Pandemic to Support Individuals, Families, and Communities

What is PFA?

PFA is an internationally recognized method of support intended to help people during and immediately after a disaster or emergency (including a pandemic). It uses a holistic, community wellness approach to help reduce levels of emotional distress for individuals, families, and communities through practical care, compassion, connection, and support from others.

PFA Training

PFA Virtual Care in a Pandemic training is an interactive 2-hour webinar adapted from the 6 hour in-person training. The training aims to share knowledge, teach skills, build confidence, and increase capacity to support people in the face of a disaster or emergency.

Webinar Objectives:

- Understand the timing of interventions for disasters and emergencies.
- How to utilize the PFA Action Principles in virtual environments.
- Identify and provide practical support to those in distress.
- Understand when to refer people to appropriate community supports.
- Explore self-care strategies for disaster response.

“This training is amazing, it helps me fill my cup, what I am feeling is normal and builds me up, personally and professionally. It gave me space to step back and recharge and positively reflect.”

Webinar Attendee

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