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Mental Health Systems' Response to Public Health Emergencies

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12:00 - 1:30 PM ET

Presented by Jeanette David

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Description

Public health emergencies can provide a number of challenges for mental health facilities' capacity to provide care to the populations they serve. Administrators and providers can take important steps to prepare for these emergencies and respond when they occur. This webinar will provide guidance on how these organizations can prepare for a public health crisis, develop continuity of operations plans, make needed service modifications, and address staffing concerns. By the end of this webinar, participants will have knowledge regarding:

- Why mental health systems must be prepared for public health emergencies
- Continuity of Operations
- Surge and Community Response
- Additional Resources

About the Presenter

Jeanette David is the Disaster Mental Health Coordinator for the state of Georgia and serves as a liaison between the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and Department of Public Health in matters related to disasters and emergency management. Ms. David is responsible for disaster mental health policy development as well as collaboration and coordination on local, state, federal and international levels during all phases of disaster. She's worked in the field of disaster management since 1993, which includes numerous field deployments with the American Red Cross. Ms. David is the founder of the Georgia Crisis Consortium and a certified trainer in Psychological First Aid. She's also a Cadre Consultant with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, where she provides training and consultation in disaster mental health throughout the United States. Ms. David earned her Master of Science degree from Mercer University and continues her educational development by attending seminars and training related to disaster mental health.

