



# Use of Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) for Assessing Behavioral and Mental Health

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## Description

The Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) is an epidemiologic technique designed to provide household-based information about a community's needs in a timely, inexpensive, and representative manner. While CASPER is well established in determining the needs and health status of the community, it is increasingly being piloted to assess mental and behavioral health.

This webinar will present an overview of CASPER, its impact, and examples to highlight how CASPER can be useful to assess and monitor behavioral health.

By the end of the webinar, participants will be able to do the following:

- Describe CASPER, including modified CASPERs, and how they can be used to assess behavioral health
- Explain CASPER methodology, including development of questions, selection of households to survey, and interpretation of results
- Summarize the impact of past CASPERs and how implementation can be beneficial to your agency

## About the Presenter



Amy Helene Schnall has been an epidemiologist on the Disaster Epidemiology and Response Team with CDC's National Center for Environmental Health since 2008. She focuses on surveillance and assessments throughout the disaster cycle. Ms. Schnall leads Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER), National Chemical and Radiological Surveillance, and Disaster Epidemiology Training programs and has been involved in numerous responses.