



# MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

On average, there are

# 123

SUICIDES A DAY.

*American Foundation for Suicide Prevention*

## Why Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid teaches you **how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders**. This 8-hour training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to appropriate care.

From 1999 to 2016,  
**630,000**  
people died from  
**DRUG OVERDOSE.**

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Nearly **1 in 5** U.S.  
adults lives with a  
**MENTAL ILLNESS.**

*National Institute of Mental Health via the  
National Survey on Drug Use and Health  
and the Substance Abuse and Mental  
Health Services Administration*

### WHAT IT COVERS

- Common signs and symptoms of mental illness.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect the person with help.
- **NEW:** How to administer naloxone in the event of an opioid overdose.

### WHO SHOULD TAKE IT

- Employers
- Police officers
- Hospital staff
- First responders
- Faith leaders
- Community members
- Caring individuals

The course will teach you how to apply the **ALGEE** action plan:

- **Assess** for risk of suicide or harm
- **Listen** nonjudgmentally
- **Give** reassurance and information
- **Encourage** appropriate professional help
- **Encourage** self-help and other support strategies

**More than 1 million trained!**

TO FIND A COURSE OR CONTACT AN INSTRUCTOR IN YOUR AREA, VISIT  
[www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org](http://www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org) OR EMAIL [Info@MentalHealthFirstAid.org](mailto:Info@MentalHealthFirstAid.org).



## WANT TO TAKE THE COURSE?

**Where:** Wilde Lake Interfaith Center: 10431 Twin Rivers Rd, Columbia, MD 21044

**When:** Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm

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FIRST AID®